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NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET COMPOSITION TRIUMPH FOR FASCISTS

SOUTH CHINA ALARMED BY NEW THREAT

JAPANESE ACTION FEARED.

RESULT OF FORMOSA CONFERENCE

[From Our Own Correspondent]
CANTON, TO-DAY.

SOME ANXIETY PREVAILS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE OVER THE RESULTS OF THE TAIHOUKU CONFERENCE WHICH WAS CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FORMOSA AND PARTICIPATED IN BY THE JAPANESE CONSULS FROM HONG KONG, SWATOW, AMOY, FOCHOW AND THE VICE-CONSUL FROM CANTON.

Mr. S. Kawagoye, Japanese Consul-General at Shamen, did not go to Formosa, but was represented by the Vice-Consul, Mr. T. Hattori, who brought a Japanese official of the Tokyo Foreign Office to Canton. The visiting official is trying to cultivate the friendship of Canton officials.

What measures the Formosa conference have adopted regarding South China are not revealed, but it is understood that Japan is planning to have a firmer foothold in Kwangtung. The Japanese Government seems to take the position that since Nanking is very friendly with Tokyo and has practically signed away the four North-western provinces by virtue of the Tungku armistice.

While the attitude of the high officials here is not known, an unconfirmed report stated that Mr. Yang Teh-chao, representative of the First Group Army in Nanking, has gone to Amoy to consult General Chiang Ting-wen, Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking troops in Fukien, with a view to taking joint action for the military defence of South China.

TRADE BALANCE IMPROVEMENT

Sharp U.S. Export Rise In June.

DECLINE IN IMPORTS

New York, To-day.

A sharp improvement in the United States balance of trade is reported for June.

Exports for the month totalled U.S.\$170,584,000, while imports were valued at U.S.\$136,082,000. The totals for May were U.S.\$160,207,000 and U.S.\$154,647,000, respectively.

For the six months ended June 30, exports totalled U.S.\$1,036,262,000, as against U.S.\$669,329,000 for the corresponding period of last year.

Imports for the same period were U.S.\$683,330,000, as against U.S.\$592,092,000. The decline was mostly due to reduced sugar imports from the Philippines.

Other declines in imports were meats, fruits, vegetables, coffee, textiles, raw silk, undressed furs, hides and skins.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

SIAM ROYALTY AT PRAGUE.

Prague, To-day.

Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Siam arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit and were greeted by the Prime Minister, M. J. Malypetr, and the Foreign Secretary Dr. Edward Benes.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN GIRL BITTEN

Mr. J. R. Way's terrier, which bit Miss Joan Eager, a little European girl, has been sent to Matakook for observation.



Major Emil Fey, former Vice-Chancellor, is now Minister of Interior in the new Austrian Cabinet.

CENTRAL SHANGHAI RAILWAY STATION

Plans Entailing \$800,000 Already Drawn Up.

\$20,000,000 FOR TWO BRIDGES

Shanghai, To-day.

Plans to build here a central railway station and a headquarters and administration office of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Shanghai-Hangchow — Nanking Railways at a cost of \$800,000 is reported to have been drawn up by the Ministry of Railways.

The Cheking Provincial authorities are arranging with bankers for \$20,000,000 for the construction of two bridges to span the Chientang and Tsao Rivers.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Questionnaire To 400 U.S. Industrialists.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received July 30, 5.37 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.

The United States Department of Commerce Business Advisory Planning Council has issued a questionnaire to 400 of the leading American industrialists asking for opinions on unemployment insurance, apparently in connection with the forthcoming legislation.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

Morgenthau Returns To Desk After His Month's Vacation

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
Washington, To-day.

The United States Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, returns to the desk to-day after a month's vacation.

It is believed that he will shortly take up:

Firstly, new moves in the silver purchase plan.

Secondly, the promotion of increased business activity after Labour Day, following the summer slump.

Thirdly, the re-funding at lower interest of U.S.\$25,748,500 worth of 1 1/2 per cent. Treasury certificates, maturing on September 9, and U.S.\$1,200,000,000 worth of Fourth Liberty Bonds maturing on October 15.

Fourthly, the redemption of U.S.\$1,933,210,300 worth of 3 1/2 and 4 1/4 per cent. Liberty Bonds maturing on December 15, and their re-funding with lower interest securities.

Fifthly, the strengthening of the Government forces for combating the fresh threat of liquor smuggling.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

4.23 INCHES RAINFALL

The local rainfall recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10.30 a.m. to-day was 4.23 inches, bringing the total since January 1 to 65.25 inches, as compared with a normal average of 62.61 inches.

DR. SCHUSCHNIGG CHANCELLOR

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR PRINCE STARHEMBERG

HEIMWEHR COUP RUMOURS

THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET IS INTERPRETED AS A TRIUMPH FOR THE HEIMWEHR (FASCISTS), DESPITE THE FACT THAT DR. KURT SCHUSCHNIGG, A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHANCELLOR.

Eight hours of spirited debate preceded the final formation of the Cabinet, holding the capital in an atmosphere of tense expectancy throughout last night. Prince Starhemberg, the Heimwehr leader, who aspired to the Chancellorship, had to be content with the post of Vice-Chancellor, but his defeat is tempered with the concurrent portfolio of Minister of Security which gives him virtual control of the gendarmerie and the auxiliary forces.

The Heimwehr group also hold the reins of the Foreign Ministry, while the Christian Socialists hold the Finance Ministry. The Home Bloc leader, Major Fey, is Minister of Interior.

Fighting in the provinces has almost ceased, but the Austro-German frontier has been completely closed following reports of fighting in Bavaria. Fears were rife in Vienna last night that the Heimwehr would attempt a coup, but up to the time of the election, the city was quiet.

ATMOSPHERE ELECTRIC INSURRECTION CRUSHED.

Heimwehr "Putsch" Rumours.

Vienna, To-day.

Apart from minor skirmishes in the vicinity of Salzburg, the Nazi insurrection has been crushed throughout Austria.

Salzburg itself is peaceful, and the first performance of the special musical festival in memory of Dr. Dollfuss passed quietly.

Meanwhile, the Austro-German frontier has again been completely closed following reports of fighting between the German Reichswehr and the Austrian Legionnaire, near Kufstein, on the Bavarian side of the frontier.

Vienna is in a state of excitement owing to fears of a new "putsch" by the Heimwehr. Strong forces are guarding the public buildings.—Reuter.

STARHEMBERG PASSED OVER THE NEW CABINET.

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, Minister of Education and Minister of Justice in the Dollfuss Cabinet, has been appointed Chancellor of Austria. He took over the office in an acting capacity immediately after the murder of Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss, on Wednesday.

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Decided After 8 Hours Conference.

Vienna, To-day.

The constitution of the Cabinet was only agreed upon after eight hours of spirited conference, and though the Christian Socialist Party has gained an outward success by Dr. Schuschnigg's appointment, the fact that the Vice-Chancellorship and the Security, Interior, and Foreign Ministries are held by the Heimwehr means that victory is really theirs.

Dr. Schuschnigg is a church adherent and moderate, and is less likely to oppose the Heimwehr in Opposition circles.—Reuter.



The momentous meeting of two of the most powerful dictators in the world, Chancellor Hitler of Germany, and the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, at the airport at Venice, Italy, last month.

"INCOMPATIBLE RELATIONS" MRS. DALL'S CASE

Husband Not Contesting Suit Of U. S. President's Daughter

Reno, Nevada, To-day.

Mrs. Curtis Dall, daughter of President Roosevelt, is filing a suit for divorce based on "incompatible relations."

It is indicated that Mrs. Dall's husband will not contest the suit.—Reuter.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Canton Members To Be Nominated To-day.

NANKING FRUSTRATED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

The three members to represent Canton in the Provincial Assembly are to be elected this morning at the Educational Institute by accredited voters of this city.

Overseas Chinese can also elect their representatives, but all election returns must be available before August 10. The Provincial Assembly will meet for the first time on August 15, when it will advise the Kwangtung Provincial Government in all legislative and administrative matters.

Thirty members were elected last Thursday and represent merchants, farmers, the labour class, the educational class and various professions. Fifteen are reserve members.

The main task will come when the Provincial Assembly will be called upon to choose a Governor as head of the provincial administration in lieu of the present committee system. The new system was adopted by the Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee which met at Nanking on January 20.

According to a resolution of the Session, the provincial Governor will be appointed by the National Government, but since there is a Provincial Assembly in Canton, it has the power to elect a Governor according to Kuomintang principles.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair to showery, with moderate east winds, was the weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

MAY ROAD LANDSLIDE YESTERDAY

Traffic Completely Blocked.

DEBRIS NOW CLEARED AWAY

A large landslide, completely blocking May Road, occurred at 5 p.m. yesterday, near the junction of May Road and Magazine Gap Road.

Public Works Department coolies were put to work immediately clearing away the debris, and a passage through May Road is now possible, according to a report received from Mr. H. Pegg, Executive Engineer, Roads Department.

Other minor slides are reported on the island. As the result of a slide yesterday afternoon Links Road, above St. Margaret's Church, was partially blocked, although there was no serious hindrance to traffic.

A retaining wall at the rear of No. 41, Kennedy Road collapsed yesterday afternoon, following a heavy downpour, but no serious damage has been reported.

28 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS SUED IN U.S.

Federal Government Seeks \$1,129,533,000.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD SEQUEL

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received July 30, 12.19 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

The Federal Government has sued to recover U. S. \$1,129,533,000 damages from 28 firms and individuals formerly connected with the defunct Federal Farm Board on the ground that the defendants made U. S. \$451,814,000 profits via wholesale fraud, embezzlement, conspiracy, padding of contracts, cross-trading and duplicating of sales and purchase orders which were concealed from income taxes in 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

With interest of U.S.\$112,942,500, this makes a total of U.S.\$664,766,500, on which the Government is seeking double indemnity.

The defendants include the American Cotton Co-operative Association, the Cotton Stabilisation, the Grain Stabilisation Corporation and the Continental Export Company.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

CHINESE GUNBOAT ANSWERS S.O.S.

Steamer Grounds Off Fukien Coast.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese steamer, Chunhwa, grounded on Saturday on the rocks off the Fukien coast, 100 miles from Foochow, due to poor visibility. The passengers and crew are safe, but the cargo is feared a total loss.

The Chinese gunboat, Kiangnan, rushed to the scene on receipt of an S. O. S.—Reuter.

U. S. COTTON YIELD BELOW BANKHEAD BILL MAXIMUM

New York, To-day.

Private cotton authorities estimate that the forthcoming Government crop report will show a probable yield of nearly 1,000,000 bales below the Bankhead Bill maximum.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

MAIL SCHEDULES

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

| | |
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| Monitor (Air Mail ex Imperial Airways Service) | July 29 |
| Greener (Air Mail ex Amsterdams) | 31 |
| Somali | Aug. 6 |

FROM JAPAN

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| Nellere | July 30 |
| Empress of Asia | Aug. 1 |
| Pres. Hoover | 2 |
| Yasakuni Maru | 3 |
| Pres. Garfield | 4 |
| Hawaii Maru | 4 |
| Melbourne Maru | 5 |

FROM AMERICA & CANADA

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|-----------------|--------|
| Empress of Asia | Aug. 1 |
| Pres. Hoover | 2 |
| Pres. Garfield | 3 |

FROM MANILA

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| Pres. Cleveland | July 30 |
| Tandu | Aug. 4 |

FROM SHANGHAI

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| Sinking | July 30 |
| Agapenor | 31 |
| Chenonceaux | 31 |
| Patroclus | 31 |
| Tantulus | 31 |
| Empress of Asia | Aug. 1 |
| Pres. Hoover | 2 |
| Yasakuni Maru | 3 |
| Pres. Garfield | 4 |

FROM STRAITS

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|--------------|---------|
| Suisang | July 30 |
| Monitor | 31 |
| Conte Verde | Aug. 2 |
| Ajax | 3 |
| Fushimi Maru | 4 |
| Tandu | Aug. 4 |

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

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| Hokuyo Maru (via Siberia) | July 30 |
| Chenonceaux (Marseilles Air Mail Service) | 31 |
| Closes: Reg. 2.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m. | |
| Pres. Cleveland | 31 |

FOR JAPAN

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| Hokuyo Maru | July 30 |
| Pres. Cleveland | 31 |

FOR MANILA

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| General Lee | July 29 |
| Empress of Asia | Aug. 1 |

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

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| Hokuyo Maru | July 30 |
| Pres. Cleveland | 31 |

FOR SHANGHAI

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| Pres. Cleveland | July 31 |
| Conte Verde | Aug. 2 |

FOR STRAITS & INDIA

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| Patroclus | Aug. 1 |
| Yasakuni Maru | 3 |

FOR AUSTRALIA

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| Patroclus | Aug. 1 |
| Yasakuni Maru | 3 |

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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EARRING ON TOP OF EARS NOW

Paris.

THE latest and craziest way to wear earrings is on the top of your ears.

Some of the Famous Forty are wearing gold mercury wings clamped along the top of their ears and pointing toward the back like Pan's ears.

Plastic Line Is New Style Idea

Loosened Coats Latest Hints.

SIMPLE SLEEVES

Paris. Lyolene has thrown her bat in the ring for plastic lines. Says she: "The movement of coats and dresses follows the natural plastic line of the figure falling from the knees with a decided fullness."

"Sleeves for the most part are simple and inclined to width in coats. Short loose jackets and long coats are shown with suits and ensembles. Classic simplicity in design and outline, throughout my collection."

Something new behind the door marked "Plaids" is a plaid alpaca featured for coat linings and blouses. "Wool tweeds are 'in' for day and sport clothes: plaid and checked surrah silk for blouses and dresses. Jerseys, chez Madame Lyolene are for sport and afternoon, in black and colours, and a new material in light shades, is of a linen and wool mixture and used for sport dresses of the simpler type."

Classic Examples

The classic examples of her ideas is a black striped jersey dress with three distinct changes of colours, cuffs and vest of white silk, grosgrain and linen. Another, a deep rose tureen costume with a short circular cape that is adaptable as well for use as a peplum. This same dress is complete without either cape or peplum and with the addition of a large collar and deep cuffs of natural coloured line.



COLOURED CURTAINS

Net curtains tinted in pastel shades are becoming increasingly popular, but unfortunately they show the dirt and become dusty in appearance even more quickly than white ones. They need not, however, be washed continually, as they invariably become a little paler each time they are washed. A bath in warm bran, which means little trouble, will quickly banish the dusty appearance and will not harm the most delicate net or lace. Rub the curtains gently but thoroughly in the bran and then leave them out of doors in the wind to remove all the bran.



Treatment For Brittle Hair The Oil Shampoo

For invigorating the scalp, and for improving the texture of dry and brittle hair, few treatments can compare with the oil shampoo. Your hair dresser will give the treatment, but you can quite well have the shampoo at home if expense is a consideration.

Pour some pure olive or coconut oil into a small basin, stand the basin in a pan of water, and heat the water slowly in order to warm the oil. While the oil is heating, prepare the hair. Brush it thoroughly to remove all dust and dandruff, and also to invigorate the scalp. Then soak a towel in hot water, wring it, and wrap it closely round the head.

The Massage

When the oil is warm, remove the towel from the head and, keeping the basin still in the hot water, dip the finger-tips into the oil and rub this into the scalp to make it thoroughly greasy. Then, working in small circles, massage well, beginning at the forehead and extending down the back of the head to the neck. Now open out the

LACQUERED BRASS TREATMENT

Acid In Metal Polish To Be Avoided.

Lacquered brass should never be polished with metal-polish, as the acid contains is likely to destroy the lacquer. Wash the brass with soapy water, then rub it well with a dry chamois leather. Treated in this way lacquered brass will retain its brightness for years. Chased and wrought brass also should not be cleaned with polish or powder, as it is difficult to remove the polish from the crevices once it has been used. The articles should first be washed in hot, soapy water, and dried. Then they should be rubbed with half of a freshly cut lemon, and washed in hot water again. When thoroughly dried, polish with a chamois leather. Indian brass may also be cleaned in this way. Brass will not tarnish if it is treated in the following manner. Dissolve half an ounce of shellac in half a pint of methylated spirits by leaving the solution in a tightly corked bottle or jar until the next day. Then pour off the clear liquid. Heat the brass slightly, and paint the solution over evenly with a camel-hair brush.

DETACHABLE BUTTONS FOR THE CHILDREN

Avoids Continual Work.

The buttons on children's school blouses and pyjamas are always coming back from the laundry broken, thus causing continual work and expense. It is a good plan to make the buttons on children's garments detachable, in the following manner. If linen buttons are required, sew two buttons firmly together, one a little smaller than the other. Pass the smaller button through a button-hole which has been substituted for the original button, and a detachable economical link will be obtained. Different combinations of buttons can be made as desired, but the button at the back should always be larger than the front and preferably of linen. Many children's garments can be treated in this way, and the time taken in making the button-hole will be amply repaid later.



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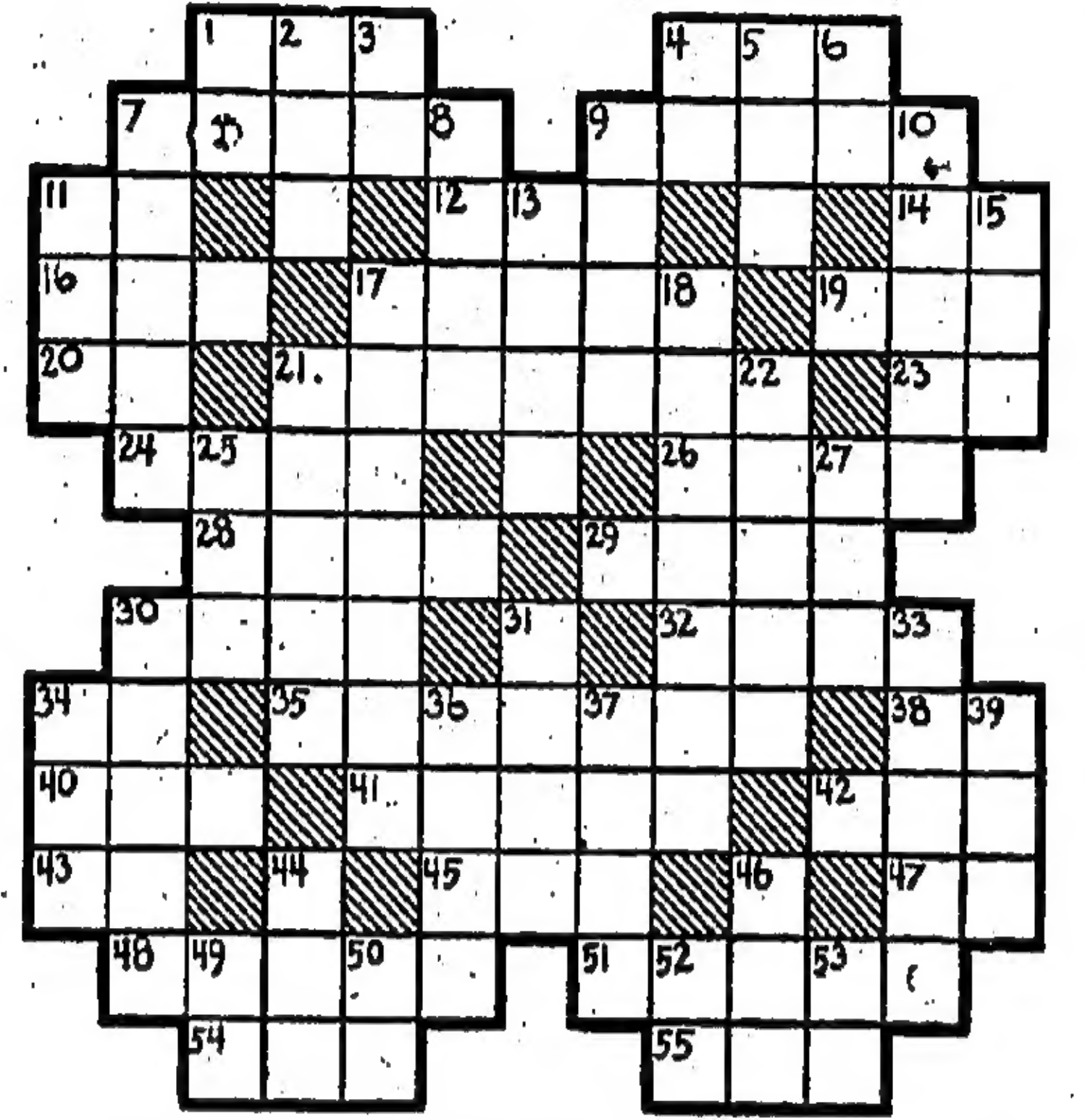


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Shanty
- 4-An insect
- 7-A wading bird
- 9-One of the lower animals
- 11-Father (Short)
- 12-Raw metal
- 14-Egyptian sun-god
- 15-Buella
- 17-Pertaining to Asia
- 19-Comrade
- 20-You and I
- 21-One who elects
- 23-A liquid measure (abbr.)
- 24-Fur-bearing animal
- 26-Master
- 28-A bird
- 29-Narrow strip of wood
- 30-Bill slowly
- 32-Feminine suffix (Fr.)
- 34-Near by
- 35-Most compact

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 33-Indefinite article
- 40-Obtain
- 41-Distributed
- 42-Time of life
- 43-Conjunction
- 45-Epoch
- 47-A military officer (abbr.)
- 48-Titled
- 51-Mother-of-pearl (Fr.)
- 54-Mineral spring
- 55-Joined

VERTICAL

- 1-Pronoun
- 2-Vase with a foot
- 3-Preposition
- 4-Exist
- 5-Consumes
- 6-Plural suffix
- 7-Abode of evil spirits
- 8-Part of the face
- 9-Strike
- 10-Snare
- 11-Dog's foot
- 13-Chinese vegetable
- 15-High (Mus.)
- 17-Permitted
- 18-Most worthy
- 21-Having ears
- 22-Cook in the oven
- 23-Combining form. Outside
- 27-Streets (abbr.)
- 30-Part of a boat
- 31-River in the Tyrol and Bavaria
- 35-Bird of prey
- 36-Past
- 38-Want
- 37-Ardor
- 39-Snare
- 44-Mischiefous child
- 46-High playing card
- 48-Because
- 50-Each (abbr.)
- 52-Part of verb 'to be'
- 53-Right (abbr.)

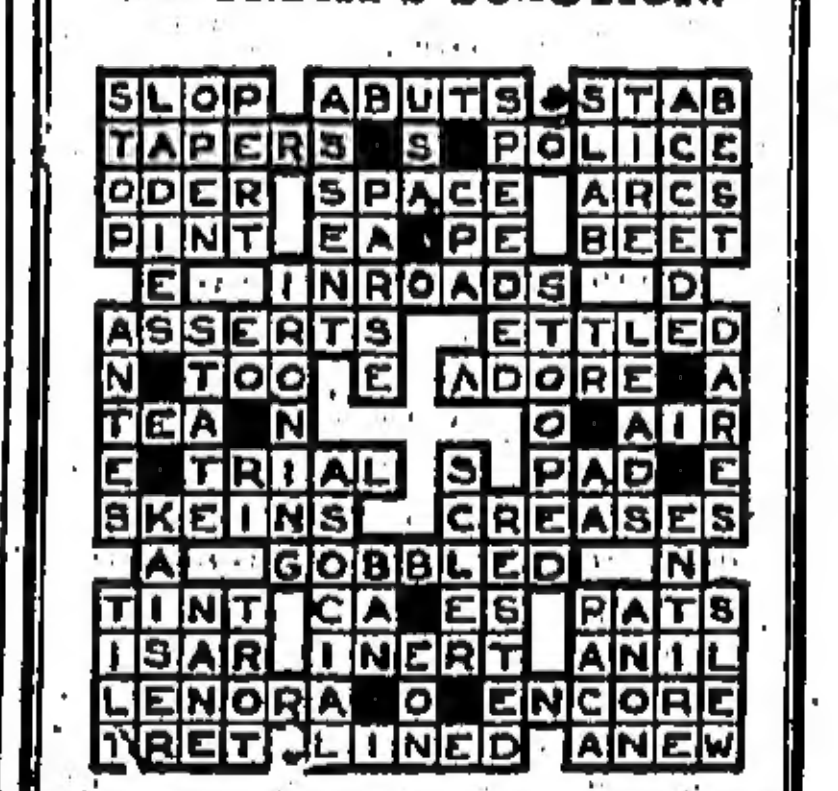
The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

TILING HARMONY IN ROOM

How To Make Change.

It sometimes happens that the tiles of a bedroom or sitting-room fire-place do not harmonise with the colour scheme of the room. Where gas fires are fitted, or where the grate is seldom used, the tiles may be treated with quick-drying cellulose enamel of any suitable shade. In rooms where coal fires are used good effects may be obtained by fitting thin sheets of copper over the tiles. The surface should not be polished, but given a dull finish, which blends well with almost any colour scheme.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



FASHIONS IN GLOVES

London. Gloves bear the wearer's initials on the back; a smart pair seen recently was of black suede piped with silver and with large silver initials sprawled across the back. Taffeta gloves have latex palms and look very distinguished.

Bringing Up Father.



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THE DIVIDEND will be payable on and after MONDAY, 13th August, 1934, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 30th July to SATURDAY, 11th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors
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PRECARIOUS CONTRACTS.

by Ely Culbertson.

No player is particularly pleased when he must play a hand at five of a major suit. While this contract is often reached by entirely correct bidding in which a Slam try is made and refused, the Declarer who is faced with the necessity of taking eleven tricks when her tricks would have been sufficient to secure a game is always fearful that some particularly unfavourable distribution will defeat his contract one trick, whereas a game could have been made had the bidding stopped at the safe level of four. Even though the bidding was unexceptionable, the Declarer usually regrets the one extra trick of the contract.

Today's hand, which was played by Mr. George T. Spillman of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a Duplicate game, in spite of the precarious contract and very good defence, resulted in Declarer's tying for top score on the board.

West, Dealer.
North and South vulnerable

North—
S-7
H-A Q J 10 9 8 2
D-7 6
C-A 4 3

West—
S-A Q J 10 3
H-8 7 3
D-8 3 2
C-7 8

East—
S-6 4 2
H-5
D-Q J 10 5
C-K Q 10 8 2

South—
S-K 9 8 5
H-K 4
D-A K 9 4
C-J 9 5

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

North East South West
1H 2C 2D 2S
4H Pass 5H (1) Pass
Pass (2) Pass

1—After North's Jump to four hearts, South, with three honours-tricks including the King of his partner's suit, cannot be severely criticised for trying for a Slam.

2—Mr. Spillman quite properly decides not to heed his partner's Slam try, respecting the fact that both opponents have entered the bidding.

East's Opening lead was the spade 6. West won with the spade Ten and returned the seven of clubs, which the Declarer quite properly ducked, East winning with the Queen. Another spade was returned and ruffed by North.

The trumps were then all played out, the Ace, King and nine of diamonds being carefully retained in Dummy, and the last trump lead squeezed East, who gave up his last guard to the club King. Mr. Spillman now played out his Ace of clubs, dropping the King, and won the last three tricks with the four of clubs and the Ace-king of diamonds.

A diamond Opening, and a diamond return after West wins with the spade Ace, is the only defense that can defeat five hearts, but East's Opening cannot be criticised. According to Mr. Spillman, he merely obtained a four-way tie for top on the board since three other players playing the hand at four hearts received as an Opening lead the club King, which enabled the Declarer to make five quite easily.

EFFICIENT TEST FOR DRUNKS.

Canadian Inventor's Claim.

Toronto.

An invention for testing suspected "drunks" which is claimed by its inventor to be more efficient than the established methods has been perfected here.

The inventor, Mr. Henry McCordie, says that whiskey and other intoxicants contain hydrogen, and therefore the breath of anyone who drinks them is short of oxygen.

The device has a specially treated glass rod on which the suspected is invited to breathe. The needle of the meter then registers his precise degree of drunkenness.—Reuter.



Divorce is making rapid revisions in the Roosevelt family gatherings. Two of the members of this group, photographed at Hyde Park, N.Y., at the Christmas, 1932, are no longer members of the Presidential circle, and this is the last family group photo in which Mr. Curtis Dall and Mrs. Elizabeth Donner Roosevelt appear, although the latter is still received at the White House, where the second Mrs. Elliot Roosevelt has not yet been a visitor. In the group are: Back row—(l. to r.) James, Elliot, Franklin, Jr., the ex-Mrs. Elliot, Curtis Dall, John, Below—The President's wife, Mrs. James, the President, his mothers, and Mrs. Dall. The fourth generation is represented by James' son, held in his mother's lap.

STUDENTS SAVE ON ROULETTE.

Wheel Confiscated At Harvard.

Cambridge, Massachusetts. Harvard students, who recently complained that living in Harvard houses was too expensive for them, have had one item of expense removed by the college authorities.

A roulette wheel, the spinning of which is said to have cost some students as much as \$150 a night, has been confiscated by the head tutor of one of the houses.—Reuter.

WHERE KNIFE AND GUN ARE LAW

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Nucleus of New Fortune

"Why are you trespassing?" "In search of our stock." "You think we are mean rustlers like yourselves? An insult!" There was gun-play, and a rout of the American's henchmen, though none were killed.

Five days later we were home again at the hacienda, having left a guard of four men to watch from the heights the fortunes of our newly-acquired cattle in the rich valley where they had found a new home. Later on, when all suspicion had died down, they would form the nucleus of a new Del Castro fortune.

There were accusations and allegations. A body of Rurales came out to examine the hacienda and its occupants. But the hospitable occupants got them all so widely drunk that the Rurales stayed for three days. Finally they returned to their mayor saying that Don Cypriano was the most gallant gentleman in all Durango.

Why Mayor Lost Office

The Mayor himself came out to investigate. That was on a Tuesday, and he was wearing a clean shirt. This is contrary to the etiquette observed by the cowboy fraternity. For daring to change his shirt before Saturday that Mayor eventually lost his office. He failed to see the point of the joke when a score of vaqueros stamped a herd of wild steers through his town, smashing and ruining all before them.

Also, he was tactless on the pay-night following the raid, when every man received double money. When there was shooting in every saloon in the town he intervened with his Rurales, and interference with his pleasures is one thing a cowboy will not tolerate.

If there is one thing in the world I would rather be than a cowboy, it is a cowboy. Anyway, my leg is smashed by a bullet, and I doubt if I shall ever be able to return to the land of my birth and my dreams—Mexico, where romance will never die.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE WOMAN BETWEEN"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Chopin's delicate and melodious compositions are introduced as a motif in "The Woman Between," an enthralling drama of rivalry in politics and in love, and the contrast of the two performers on their dissimilar, but typical, instruments.

When Lady Pamela Bellington forsakes her place in society and her erstwhile lover, Sir Clive Marlow, to visit his poor, but handsome, Socialist opponent in a forecoming election, she believes it is for enlightenment on things political. She discovered Smith in a shabby bed-sitting room, playing a piece from Chopin on a tiny-toned cottage piano. Before she leaves him she suspects that she has lost heart, but when she returns to her luxurious home wherein Sir Clive is performing the same piece with a maestro's brilliance on a pianola, she knows that Smith now has her heart.

The story of this British International picture is adapted from the play, "Conflict," by Miles Malleson, and a strong cast, including Owen Nares, Adrienne Allen, David Hawthorne and C. M. Hallard makes it an appealing film.

"LADY FOR A DAY"—KING'S THEATRE.

Headed by a splendid cast, including Warren William and May Robson, Columbia's latest production, "Lady For a Day," a picture of the sub-strata of New York society, is now showing at the King's Theatre.

Adapted from one of Damon Runyon's famous short stories, "Lady For a Day" tells the story of New York's Great White Way, and of the devious and darker phases of New York life. The central character, "Apple Annie," played by May Robson, was suggested by a character well-known to all who frequent Broadway. "Happy," played by Ned Sparks, is an impersonation of a certain hanger-on to a big gambler (Warren Williams) of the metropolis.

The story centres round an old woman peddler of apples in the metropolitan theatrical district. Unknown to her associates, she is supporting a daughter in school in Spain. The daughter has the impression that her mother is wealthy and socially prominent, and her father is a splendid fellow. What happens to her when she returns to America with a European count, who wants to marry her provides the story.

Others in the cast are Glenda Farrell, Guy Kibbee, Jean Parker, Walter Connolly and Barry Norton.

"FRONTIER MARSHAL"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE.

George O'Brien, the well-known actor of Western characters, is starred in the leading role of Fox's current attraction, "Frontier Marshal," now showing at the Alhambra Theatre.

The story centres around the town of Tombstone, Arizona, known in the old days as a roaring, politically corrupt mining town filled with lawless elements.

O'Brien is cast as a frontier marshal who, because of the girl he loves, remains in Tombstone to avenge her father's killer and at the same time bring peace and order to this town that knew no law. O'Brien finds that he is faced with a difficult task, for he discovers that the Mayor of the town is in alliance with the outlaws that have given Tombstone its disreputable name. How O'Brien manages to overcome these difficulties and capture the murderer of the girl's father, brings the film to a dramatic conclusion.

Irene Bentley, the feminine lead opposite O'Brien. Other members of the cast are George E. Stone, Alan Edwards, Ruth Gillette, Berton Churchill, Frank Conroy, Ward Bond, Edward-Saint, Russell Simpson and Jerry Foster.

"WIDE OPEN"—STAR THEATRE.

"Wide Open," a comedy drama, featuring Edward Everett Horton and Patsy Ruth Miller, is Warner Brothers' current attraction now showing at the Star Theatre.

As Simon Haldane, a timid bachelor book-keeper with ideas, but without power to push them to any profitable conclusion, Horton has one of the happiest assignments of his career. Hilarious situations and smart dialogue, under the expert direction of Archie Mayo, and in the hands of a capable cast, make it a highly entertaining film.

Supporting Horton and Miss Miller in the cast are Louise Fazenda, Edna Murphy, T. Roy Barnes, Vera Lewis, Louise Beaver and Bobby Gordon.

"HERITAGE OF THE DESERT"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

"Heritage of the Desert," featuring Randolph Scott, Sally Blane and J. Farrell, MacDonald, is the current attraction at the Central Theatre.

The film, adapted from the screen from Zane Grey's melodrama of the west, is directed by Henry Hathaway.

The story deals with Scott, as a young surveyor, who is called by MacDonald to his ranch to check its boundaries accurately. David Landau, head of a band of cattle rustlers, attempts to prevent him reaching the ranch house alive, but fails.

Arriving there ultimately, Scott meets and falls in love with Miss Blane, daughter of MacDonald's dead partner. She was to have married MacDonald's son, but she is soon in love with Scott.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Ray of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

2.45 p.m.—European Programme.
5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Band of the 1st Bn. S.V.B., conducted by Bandmaster C. Eldicott, from the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel, A. E. Edwards D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

6-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, London & New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.
7.08-7.33 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Vocal Gems—
Rose Marie (Friml)
No, No Nanette (Youmans)
Light Opera Company.

Selection—
Words and Music (Coward)
New May Fair Orchestra.

Vocal Gems—
Helen (Offenbach)
Columbia Light Opera Co.
7.33-7.50 p.m.—Till Eulenspiegel, Ludwig Strelche, Op. 28 (Richard Strauss).

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fritz Busch.
7.50-8 p.m.—Light Instrumental.

Waltz—Hawaiian Smiles
Hawaiian Guitars.
Give me Liberty, or Give me Love ("Broadway Singer")

Melody in Spring
("Melody in Spring")
The Four Bright Sparks

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock & Commodity Quotations.

10.40 p.m.—Close Down.
8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 840 k.c.s.

8.30-8.57 p.m.—Light Opera.
Selection—Gipsy Love (Lehar)
De Groot and his Orchestra.

Vocal Gems—
Florodora (Stuart)
Light Opera Co.

Selection—
The Waltz Dream (Oscar Strauss)
De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.

Vocal Gems—
The Student Prince (Romberg)
Light Opera Co.

8.57-9.25 p.m.—Band Music.
Marche Militaire (Schubert)
Villanelle (arr. Winterbottom)

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards
Rienzi—Overture (Wagner)
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

9.25-9.43 p.m.—The J. H. Squire
Celeste Octet.
Memories of Johann Strauss (arr. Willoughby)

My Sweetheart when a boy (arr. Willoughby)
Silver Threads among the Gold (Danks)
Scene de Ballet

de Edeik, arr. Sear)
9.43-10 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Roses of the South (J. Strauss)
Bruno Walter conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orch.

Blue Danube (J. Strauss)
Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss)
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, directed by Leopold Stokowski.

10 p.m.—Close Down.

"JIMMY AND SALLY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

James Dunn, whose many successes have made him the idol of the screen, and Claire Trevor, who is rapidly gaining an equally important position in the hearts of the men, are partners in the new Fox Film romance, "Jimmy and Sally," now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The picture is about two youngsters, living in an apartment house, whose financial positions prevent them from being married, and whose marriage postponements form the plot of the story.

Harvey Stephens, Lya Lys, Jed Prouty, Gloria Roy, Alma Lloyd and John Aredge are in the supporting cast.

"A BEDTIME STORY"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Maurice Chevalier, debonair French actor, is starred in the comedy, "A Bedtime Story," now showing at the Oriental Theatre.

Chevalier is the same Paris playboy, carefree and irresponsible, who, accompanied by his entire menage, goes to the house of his fiancée for a week-end. The events that follow lose him his fiancée, put him in a jam with another woman, but ultimately bring matters to a whimsical conclusion.

Supporting the French actor are: Helen Twelvetrees, Edward Everett Horton, Adrienne Ames, and Baby Leroy, the Los Angeles youngster who won the role in competition with several thousand other youngsters of his own age.

Sporting Page

PERRY'S BATTLE-ROYAL WITH MENZEL RESULTS IN NARROW WIN

CYCLING CLUB MUDLARKS

Sha-Tau-Kok In Spite Of Rain.

OBJECTIVE REACHED AFTER THIRD TRIAL

The week-end run of the Hong Kong Cycling Club was carried out as scheduled yesterday, despite heavy rain which fell without cessation throughout the whole trip to Sha-tau-kok and back. This was the third time the Club had scheduled to reach Sha-tau-kok, but on each previous trip misfortune befell the riders, with the result that it was not until this attempt that the border town was reached.

Surprisingly, in face of the evident bad weather to follow, a stronger muster than usual turned up at the Yaumati Ferry by 9.30 a.m., when L. A. Anning led the party via Shatin to Tai-po against a strong wind, and with heavy downpours endeavouring to check the enthusiasm of the hardriders.

At the latter place a short halt was made, but 11.30 a.m. found the riders in their saddles again and on the way to Fanling. The last 6 3/4 miles stretch to Sha-tau-kok was full into the teeth of the wind, with the result that the party was a little struggled when the town was reached.

Explorations of Sha-tau-kok had to be curtailed by reason of both weather and the curiosity of the Chinese soldiers.

Happy Interlude

Though the rain continued the party enjoyed a "bright interval" through the hospitality of the St. John Ambulance Brigade nurses at the roadside dressing station.

The shelter and refreshments provided were greatly appreciated, and it was a merry collection of riders which commenced the return trip at 2.30 p.m.

The expected assistance from the wind on the return journey failed to materialise, for, during the time spent at Sha-tau-kok, the direction had changed and a head wind had again to be fought. Fanling was reached at 3 p.m. and Tai-po 20 minutes later. However, a moderate pace over the remaining miles brought the last cyclists into Sham-shui-po at 5.30 p.m.

One new member put in an appearance on the above run and acquitted himself very well; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. G. Crayford also utilised this opportunity of enjoying his first Club-run since his re- (Continued at Foot of Next Col.) cent operation for appendicitis.

Next Week's Run

Next week, under the vice-captain, E. Munns, the Club will visit Castle Peak Bay after a detour from Tsun-wan to the Shing Mun Valley. Starting time will be 9.15 a.m. from the Kowloon Pier of the Yaumati Vehicular Ferry, and all cyclists are extended a cordial welcome. Bathing kit and refreshments should be carried.

Probably the only machine of its class in the Far East, a Saxon, was received from England last week and made its initial appearance on Sunday's run. The difficulties of the route and weather were made light of by the fitting of a Cycloclaireur 3-speed gear which is very popular with road racing schools in Europe.

A dynamo lighting set obviates illumination problems, whilst a further improvement is the fitting of hub brakes. The cost of such a machine direct from the makers, we are informed, is \$200.00 (plus freightage), and the Hong Kong Cycling Club would be pleased to give further information of this and any other similar machine manufactured in England.

NEW PLAYERS FOR MILLWALL F.C.

In addition to having signed J. Miller, a Swansea half-back, Millwall have secured the services of James Wallbanks, a full-back of Wallsend, who returned to the North-Eastern League last season after service with Wigan Borough.



H.H. the Maharajah of Rajpura, one of India's native kings, leads in his "Windsor Lad," Jack Smirke up, after the horse had won the Derby classic at Epsom Downs.

AUSTRALIAN RECEIPTS FROM TEST MATCHES

NEW ARRANGEMENT IN VIEW.

DEFINITE RATIO NOW PROPOSED

(By TOM CLARKE)

London, June 29. A novel financial problem has been raised in connection with the visit of the Australian Test cricketers.

The gate receipts at all matches are shared with the Australians on a fifty-fifty basis.

Members of county clubs, of course, pay, no gate money, so there is nothing to halve. It has been found in several places that there has been a surprising and sudden access of county club members shortly before the arrival of the Australians to play a match.

Figures Compared

In consequence of this, the figures of membership, as compared with last year, are now being taken systematically at each ground where the Australians play. At the end of the tour the results are to be examined with a view to proposals being made for a new arrangement for future series.

At places like the Oval and Nottingham, membership of the club not only confers certain privileges, but may also mean a smaller outlay than would be required to secure good seats for a Test match.

A New System

In Australia the ratio of club members to the number of spectators is considerably lower than in England.

It is probable that a definite ratio will be proposed when the England and Australian authorities discuss the results of the investigations now taking place.

The problem arises mostly in the case of Test matches at big centres, but at some of the smaller county grounds there have been as many as 2,000 members out of a total gate of about 5,000.

SOUTHEND F. C. LOSS

Southend United F.C. report a loss on the past season of £263, as against a loss the previous year of £468.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE SETBACK IN DAVIS CUP

LOTT AND STOEFFEN FAVOURED.

CHANCES STILL BRIGHT

Leading America by two matches to nil in the Davis Cup Challenge Round, Great Britain, the holders, are likely to receive their first set-back when F. J. Perry and G. P. Hughes meet G. M. Lott and L. R. Stoeffen in the doubles match to-day.

Perry and Hughes are not expected to beat Lott and Stoeffen, world's champion doubles pair, and perhaps, one of the finest combinations ever seen at Wimbledon.

In spite of the possibility of being beaten in the doubles, however, Britain's chances of retaining the trophy they won from France last year are still very bright.

Bunny Austin has never shown better form than he did on Saturday when he beat Frank Shields, America's No. 1 ranking player, in straight sets, while Fred Perry was on the top of his form when he staged a remarkable recovery to defeat Sydney Wood in five sets.

Saturday's scores were:

F. J. Perry (Britain) beat S. B. Wood 6-1, 4-6, 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.

H. W. Austin (Britain) beat F. X. Shields 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

REMAINING GAMES

The concluding programme is as follows:

To-day, F. J. Perry and G. P. Hughes v. G. M. Lott and L. R. Stoeffen.

To-morrow, F. J. Perry v. F. X. Shields.

H. W. Austin v. S. B. Wood.

FRED PERRY AND PAT HUGHES have not risen to great heights as a doubles pair, and it has always been advocated that Perry should not be caused undue exertion in a match which offers slender hopes of a British triumph.

In the French Championships this year, the British pair, lost to Menzel and Hecht in straight sets, and at Wimbledon were beaten by Hopman and Prens in four sets.

GEORGE LOTT AND LESTER STOEFFEN are the Wimbledon and American doubles champions. They beat Hopman and Prens, conquerors of their rivals to-morrow, in four sets at Wimbledon this year. Lott, "stormy petrel" of international lawn tennis, is probably the finest doubles player in the world to-day. He has won the U.S. doubles title four times and the Wimbledon twice. Besides extending Tilden to five sets in 1925, he has beaten Rene Lacoste (in 1927) and Vines (in 1930). Stoeffen, tall, young, and powerfully built, has a cannon-ball service that would compare favourably with that of Tilden when the former champion was in his prime.

SWIMMING SPORTS. FOR JOURNALISTS.

Arrangements In Hand For Meet Next Month.

Arrangements by the Chung Shing Benevolent Society are now in hand for the joint Hong Kong-Canton-Macao Chinese Journalists' aquatic meeting, to be held on August 11 and 12 at the Society's bathing beach, Kennedy Town.

It is anticipated that keen interest will be shown in the meeting. Well-known local companies will donate the prizes.

CROSS-THE-RIVER SWIM.

Canton 3,900 Metres Event Next Month.

The third cross-the-river swim will be held by the South China Athletic Association, Canton, at the end of next month. The part of the Pearl River, where the swim will take place, is estimated at over 3,900 metres.

The first cross-the-river swim was won by Chan Ki-tung, of the Hong Kong South China Athletic Association, and the second was won by Lo Kit-shing.

CZECH FAILS IN VITAL FIFTH SET

PERRY DAZED & BEATEN IN FIRST SET

AMERICANS DO WELL

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

LONDON, JUNE 29.

WIMBLEDON WAS LUCKY YESTERDAY IN THAT BEFORE A STORM CAME THE HEAVY SHOWERS SKIRTED THE ALL-ENGLAND GROUND; MANY SPECTATORS ARRIVED IN DRIPPING CARS DURING THE AFTER-NOON TO FIND THE SUN SHINING.

This dispensation of the weather clerk was timely, for it was essential to bring the last sixteen into line in the men's singles on the fourth day.

NOT OTHERWISE, WITH DOUBLES INTERVENING, CAN THE LAST EIGHT BE REACHED IN THE FIRST WEEK. TWO FIVE-SET MATCHES ON THE SAME DAY CONFLICTS WITH TRADITION; THE REACTION MIGHT EFFECT THE DESTINY OF TITLES.

It was a Czech, Roderick Menzel, who provided Wimbledon yesterday with its first big match of the week. He was opposed to F. J. Perry in a needle contest, and five sets—a full course battle-royal—were required to settle it in the Englishman's favour.

It might have been the final, so full was the amphitheatre, so concentrated the crowd. There were cheers and counter-cheers, and a great shout went up when, coming to his best form in the fifth set, and drawing on his reserve of stamina, Perry joined Austin in the last sixteen.

Yet it was not a great match in the technical sense. Ardour was more conspicuous than tactical genius, and length of drive was often lacking. There was too much mere ball exchange, by two men who had fine volleying strokes and only used them spasmodically.

Played Like Dazed Man.

The duel opened sensationally enough with a love set to the invader. It was Perry's first experience of controlled speed since his unlucky defeat, ending in a sprained ankle, in Paris. He played almost like a dazed man.

Yet there was another reason for a sense of paralysis. Menzel was serving like a man possessed, and with so little preliminary swing or minatory pose that the ball seemed to come out of the sky and merely kiss the line as it sped on to the green canvas.

There were withering blows, and all his other shots were keyed to the same tempo. It was like a tornado sweeping all before it.

It was lucky for Perry that Menzel withdrew this intensive pressure after it had earned six games.

A sounder general would have launched a volleying attack, fortified by his moral advantage. Instead, after breaking, through Perry's service to gain a 3-2 lead, the Czech pursued a waiting game, and by lowering his speed all round, gave Perry the priceless chance to get his bearings.

Menzel's back-court strokes, although always resolute and never struck without purpose, carry a good deal of top spin, the production of which involves a turned-over wrist, with cumulative strain.

Even at this stage it was possible to visualise that, if Perry could get his teeth into the match and carry it beyond the normal limit, his more orthodox style, less tiring to the body, might wear his man down.

A Terrific Struggle.

Yet this theory did not operate until Perry had seen Menzel save the third set from a 4-2 lead against him and had himself fought every inch of the court to hold the fourth set and draw level.

In both these touch-and-go bouts, although they were divided between the two, Menzel appeared to be the more inspired player. It is true that he did not exploit his volleying arm enough, but when it came to achieving a passing shot from a losing position the deed was done with splendid courage.

He was a little unlucky over one or two service decisions, though

fortune favoured him when Perry served a double fault to give him set point in that agonising third bout.

The real crisis for Perry was after he led 5-3 in the fourth set, and Menzel had won the ninth game with the aid of a net cord and a service ace.

Something really great was required to stem the Czech's reprisal. Perry supplied it, and his thrusts in the tenth game—parries to blows as fine as Menzel ever struck—brought down the stands.

Perry's Dazzling Play.

He maintained this dazzling form at the beginning of the crucial fifth set. Now at last both men were attacking fiercely at the same time. Menzel opened the service and reached 2-1; the play was fast and furious.

Then the strain of contesting five sets without the ten minutes' interval, always given on the Continent, was visible in Menzel. He began to miss service returns; to throw up killable jobs; to miss the tonic of a service ace. He did not win another game.

Perry, seeing the end coming could almost afford to release his pressure. Had the last four games been closer the match would have had its thrill all through.

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CARL HUBBELL IN GREAT FORM

Giants Share Honours With Phillies.

U. S. BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, To-day.

Carl Hubbell, star pitcher of the New York Giants, shut out the Philadelphia Phillies for nine innings in the major baseball league yesterday, enabling the world champions to win by 2 to 0, in the first game of their double-header. The Phillies, however, took the second game by a 4 to 2 tally, Camilli hitting a circuit clout for the winners.

Boston Braves beat Brooklyn Dodgers twice in a double-header, Rhem blanking the Dodgers in the first game for the Braves to win by 1 to 0.

The game between Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators was postponed owing to rain.

Results, as cabled by Reuter, were:—

National League

| | R. | H. | E. |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|
| Philadelphia | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Carl Hubbell pitched. | | | |
| New York | 2 | 6 | 1 |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Philadelphia | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| Camilli hit a homer. | | | |
| New York | 2 | 8 | 1 |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| Brooklyn | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Boston | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| Pinky Phitney hit a homer. | | | |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| St. Louis | 9 | 16 | 0 |
| Virgil Davis and Jim Collins hit homers. | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 10 | 1 |
| P. Waner hit a homer. | | | |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---------------|----|----|----|
| Brooklyn | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Rhem pitched. | | | |
| Boston | 1 | 7 | 0 |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Chicago | 7 | 13 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 13 | 0 |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Chicago | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 13 | 0 |

American League

| | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Detroit | 16 | 18 | 1 |
| Greenberg, Owen and Howe hit homers. | | | |
| Chicago | 15 | 19 | 1 |
| Bonura (2) and Madjeski hit homers. | | | |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|------------------------|----|----|----|
| Detroit | 4 | 10 | 2 |
| Greenberg hit a homer. | | | |
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| Hopkins hit a homer. | | | |

| | R. | H. | E. |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Cleveland | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| Averill and Hale hit homers. | | | |
| St. Louis | 3 | 6 | 0 |

| | R. | H. | E. |
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| New York | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| Coleman and McNair hit homers. | | | |

| | R. | H. | E. |
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| Cleveland | 10 | 14 | 0 |
| Averill, Trosky, Hale and B.K. Hall hit homers. | | | |
| St. Louis | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Hemsley hit a homer. | | | |

Inside Story of Cyril Tolley's Character Told In Court

A story of how Cyril Tolley, the befriended him by taking him to his flat in Upper George Street, keeping him there for eight days, giving him the keys of the flat, and allowing him to do as he liked.

One Sunday, he said, Mr. Tolley went out, leaving him in the flat, and on his return he found that Bell had gone and that his property had also disappeared.

The officer mentioned that \$150 worth of the jewellery had not been received, and Bell had said he sold it.

Bell was remanded with a view to being sent to Borstal.

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BRITISH GOLF IMPROVING SAYS GENE SARAZEN

HIGHEST STANDARD FOR MANY YEARS LOCAL COMPETITIONS NEEDED

AMERICANS' PUTTING SKILL

(By J. C. PIGNON)

London, June 28.

AS I write, from a clubhouse window looking on to the championship links at Sandwich, the world's greatest golfers can be seen playing for the British Open title and the highest fame the game can offer.

The question British golfers are hoping will be favourably answered to-day is, "Will Britain regain the title?" There appears to be justification for optimism. The Americans have not dominated the early proceedings as in recent years. The reason is not that the American professionals have failed to live up to their reputations, but that British golf has improved.

I had an interesting conversation with Gene Sarazen, the American, who has won the British and the United States titles and is regarded as one of the soundest and most level-headed judges of golf.

He is approaching the age when can professionals displayed past his best. He is only thirty-two, but says if a man does not win titles before he is thirty he has little chance afterwards.

"They'll Win Soon"
Sarazen is convinced there are many brilliant golfers under thirty in this country. "I have watched some of these young men swinging the club at Sandwich," he said, "and believe me there are many fine golfers among them. They may not win this time but they will soon."

"There is no doubt that the standard of golf in Britain to-day is higher than for years. That is why America will find it harder to win this open championship than for a long time."

If support were needed for Sarazen's opinion the scores in the qualifying competition supply it. Only those who could equal or beat the standard scratch scores of the Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St. George's links passed the qualifying test.

The standard was higher than ever. There has been lower individual scoring, but a man with 76 and 77 has never before failed to qualify.

That shows how the standard of golf has improved. Only in one respect have Americans.

England's Golf Win
France Beaten
5½ to 3½

First International
London, July 21.

In the first international match between amateur golfers of the two countries, at Wentworth, to-day, England beat France by 5½ games to 3½.

France won the foursomes by 2 games to 1, but lost the singles by 4 to 1, with one game halved.—*Reuter*.

COTTON'S PERFECT PERFORMANCE
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"As Well As At Home!"
Bobby Jones, three times winner of the British Open Championship since the war, speaking about Cotton's triumph in the same championship, said:

"It is hard to believe! It must have been a perfect performance. But Cotton had it coming to him after the superb game he has shown since the championship started."

"I well remember the trickiness of the Sandwich course. I could never break 70. I wish I had been there, but against that kind of golf maybe it is just as well I am safely at home!"

Were there district competitions, the financial aspect would not affect a young player's chance. Not only would he learn a great deal, but he would develop the temperament which is a vital factor in championships.

The authorities, particularly the Professional Golfers' Association, should consider this matter. I know that some years ago the Royal and Ancient agreed with the P.G.A. to try the experiment of sectional qualifying competitions. The scheme was not persevered with.

That is no reason why it should not be tried thoroughly, the sections being open to any golfer.



Max Baer, world champion prize-fighter, movie star, radio and night club entertainer, etc., made up his mind he wanted to be a heart-breaker and he is. He admitted it in interview with Marie-Louise Van Slyke, to whom he is shown explaining and demonstrating his technique below. He is also shown in some of his other favourite and popular roles—as fighter, vaudeville entertainer, actor and bon-vivant.

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Lawn Bowls—Pairs Championship:—
W. K. Way and A. S. Gomes v. A. Chapman and J. Fraser
(Recreio green, 5 p.m.)
Singles Championship:—
A. O. Brown v. T. F. Stanton
(P.R.C. green)

J. K. Sloan v. T. Armstrong
(C.C.C. green, 5.15 p.m.)
TO-MORROW

Lawn Bowls—Pairs Championship:—
F. J. Jones and A. W. Crimmitt v. B. W. Bradbury and U. M. Omar
(P.R.C. green, 5 p.m.)

Meetings:—
Hong Kong Hockey Association Annual Meeting
(St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY—Aug. 1

Football:—
Entries close for local leagues

MAX BAER NOT AT ALL WORRIED

Will Deny Everything In
Breach Of Promise Case

INCOME TAX OFFICIALS ON HIS TRACK

"My mother's my only sweetheart," said Max Baer, the new world's heavy-weight champion, when questioned about Shirley Labelle's action for breach of promise. "She, I know, won't sue me."

"Anyway, I am not worrying about the \$10,000 heart balm for which she is reported to have asked. If ever she takes the case to the Supreme Court, I'll deny everything."

The Californian film star is also alleged to be in arrears with his income-tax.

The representatives of the Federal Government have taken steps to see that they are paid what is owing before the plaintiff in the love suit—and Baer only got \$9000 as his share of the fight.

But even that does not damp the spirit of the happy-go-lucky film star. He is the same cheerful person that boasted he would knock Carnera upside down.

Baer has received offers for fights all over the country as a result of his smashing win. One of these is from the Chicago World Fair, who have asked him to give two exhibitions a day in a theatre at the exposition grounds.

BAER AND CARNERA TO MEET AGAIN

Elimination Contest
Suggested.

New York, June 29.
Max Baer, the world's heavy-weight champion, has received several fight offers since he won the title from Primo Carnera.

Chicago is among the latest bidders, and it has been suggested that Baer should defend his title this year in the grounds of the Chicago Exhibition.

It is now unlikely that Baer and Carnera will meet again in the autumn. Baer is willing to fight the Italian if the public would like to see him "beat that fellow around again," as he put it.

He suggested, however, that an elimination contest should be staged during the coming months, the winner to meet him next June.—*Reuter*.

succession.
The storm drove the players to shelter. When it was possible to resume the German girl clinched the match.

Fraulein Horn has had some experience of British grass courts. She won the Midland championship at Birmingham two years ago. She is a steady, persevering player who can concentrate all the time.

Tame Women's Games.

There was not much excitement in the women's camp and what there was was rain diluted. Miss Jacobs, Miss Stammers, Mrs. Godfree, Miss Round and Mrs. Spelling were among the easy winners.

Mme. Mathieu, teased by Australian steadiness, lost a set to Mrs. Hopman, and the match was not over until the ninth game of the third set.

Mrs. Whittington was opposed to Fraulein Horn. The best of her was only seen in the first set. Afterwards she faded right out of the picture, losing ten games in

CZECH FAILS IN VITAL FIFTH SET

(Continued From Page 4)

Czechoslovakia, however, had its survivor in Hecht, whose well-balanced game, reminiscent of Cochet, was seen in the centre court for the first time.

Avory failed to dent his shield. Hecht's backhand down the line was the stroke of a connoisseur.

Lott's Volleying
George Lott and Nigel Sharpe, engaged in another five-setter, finished in the rain. There were curious fluctuations; some of them appeared to be imposed by Lott to serve his purpose. Thus the American obviously threw away the fourth set to recover breath.

In the fifth Sharpe led 3-0, steering, so it seemed, to port. At this desperate stage Lott launched a volleying offensive which Sharpe nobly resisted.

But the British service was broken through and Lott squeezed out, serving an ace to finish the match.

Christian Bousseau continued his glorious career. So far he has not lost a set. He beat Malfroy yesterday even more conclusively than he beat Artens the day before.

The Frenchman is justifying the suggestion that the eighth seedling place might have come his way. In his present form he is certain to challenge the progress of Sheldan to the last eight.

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LITERARY NOTES

LAST DAYS OF
RASPUTINWhen His Daughter
Hid His Boots.ATTEMPT TO KEEP HIM AT
HOME

How Rasputin's two daughters hid his boots to prevent him going out on the night he was killed, is told by one of them, Maria Rasputin, in her book "My Father," which was published recently. (Cassell 5s).

Several times, she says, he had been warned to be on his guard, but, in order to avoid being followed by the police responsible for his safety, he went out preferably at night.

On the night of his death, she continues, in order to force him to stay at home.

"My sister (Varvara) and I had hidden his boots before we went to bed at about ten o'clock. . . . My father bade us 'Good-night.' . . . We asked him if he intended to go out that night. He replied off-handedly that he was invited to Yousopof's."

"At about midnight the bell of the door of the servants' quarters rang out, announcing some caller. The faithful Katia (a servant) had to help my father find his boots. 'It's those children again, they have hidden them. They don't want me to go out,' he said to his visitor whom he then followed out. . . ."

The writer, who states that she is earning her living as a trainer of wild animals, announces her desire to consecrate her life to the task of revealing her father's true personality and character.

"Peace Letter" to Tsar.

What she describes as "the last letter that my father wrote to Nicholas II. before the declaration of war" in 1914, begins with the words "My Friend," and shows Rasputin urging the Tsar to do all in his power to avoid war.

"I know that all desire war of you, even the most faithful. They do not see that they rush towards the abyss. . . . You are the Tsar, the Father of our people. Do not let fools triumph, do not let them throw themselves and us into the abyss. Perhaps we will conquer Germany, but what will become of Russia? . . ."

The continual antagonism and hatred with which Rasputin was surrounded, his daughter writes, influenced his character, and to obtain relaxation and calm, he began to drink.

"Everything pushed him towards it, Society in St. Petersburg was notoriously intemperate and truly, if there is anything to be astonished at, it is that a simple peasant, suddenly transplanted into such surroundings of luxury and intemperance, should have resisted so long. . . ."

To the question whether Rasputin had any love intrigues, his daughter answers:

"Surrounded by pretty, elegant, seductive women, it may be that he fell to temptation. Efforts were even made . . . to compromise him by placing in his path women charged with seducing him in order to bring about his ruin. . . . I only know that he was always an affectionate husband to my mother, that she adored him and was never jealous, having perfect confidence in him; and that he was a good father to us."

IF SERAJEVO HAD
NOT HAPPENEDGood Theme Poorly
Handled.

No Poppies in Flanders. By George C. Foster. (Ivor Nicholson and Watson, 7s. 6d.).

The main idea of "No Poppies in Flanders" is so good that it is depressing to have to record that it is inadequately handled. Mr. Foster boldly kills off in his first chapter Lenin, Trotsky and Princip, before this last has had his opportunity of murdering the Archduke at Serajevo and so precipitating the Great War. What would have happened during the next twenty years of European history?

The answer is not beyond speculation, and Mr. Foster makes an intelligent shot at reconstructing

a world which never existed. He has an occasional imaginative flash, as where, at the end, he presents an obscure house-painter named Hitler, dying from a fall from a ladder. But he has seen fit to mix up his ideas on the Women's Suffrage Movement and the Irish question with the career of a rather tiresome young woman who, by virtue of her Highland ancestry, is privileged to glimpse the world in which the Archduke really was murdered.



Carrying her son, Buzzie, in her arms, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall, daughter of the United States President, is pictured leaving the train at Truckee, Cal., escorted by Attorney Sam Platt, en route to Lake Tahoe, Nev., where she has taken up residence at the home of Mrs. E. A. Vallis, below, preparatory to seeking a divorce from Curtis Dall, New York and Chicago broker.

LIGHTER SIDE OF
AIR FORCE LIFEEntertaining Stories Of
The Service.

AN AMUSING PICTURE

Stand Easy. By B. J. Hurren, R.

A. F. (John Long, 12s. 6d.). It is a cheerful and amusing picture that the author paints in this account of the lighter side of life in the Air Force, though he has a slight lapse into something like gloom over the Air Pageant at Hendon, in which he finds a gladiatorial aspect.

"One day there will be a nasty accident. An aircraft will crash in the crowd, and kill a few dozen of the closely-packed multitude. Then, perhaps, they will cry stop."

Flying Officer Hurren tells some entertaining stories not only of his own arm, but of the Navy and the Army, to both of which he has been attached in the course of his duties. One is of a sergeant who was instructing a party of cadets in the correct burial drill.

"On the command 'Fix,' he said in stentorian tones, 'the right' and man of the front rank will not, I said Not, take three paces forward, and for why, because 'if 'e did 'e'd fall right into the grave and break 'is flaming neck. Stop larking in the rear rank, Mr. Fletcher, and that brings me to another point. The cortege will proceed in a stately and orderly fashion. The party will assume 'appy yet sorrowful countenances. . . ."

'appy because their late lamented comrade 'as departed to 'appier lands, and sorrowful because 'as 'as gorn without paying 'is mess bill." Some curious "Test" cricket methods at Corfu are recorded as the fruit of a Mediterranean cruise.

"They always beat the visiting English sides, and they employ a fine technique. The opponents are always allowed to win the toss and their bowlers achieve remarkable success. When it becomes their turn to bat they are careful to take up the matting and remove the stones that were previously placed there. What price body-line bowling compared with that?"

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CUSTOMS OF CROOKS

[Stacked Cards. By Dare Phillips.

(Bodley Head 8s. 6d.). That a cockroach could lose a

man £2,500 seems rather surprising. But that is what happened in one of the many incidents recorded by the author in this both entertaining and instructive book about the crooked ways of card-sharpers and confidence men.

The "mug" in the case was Benson, the celebrated "Jubilee Plunger," and the scene a bar in Clifford-street, off Bond-street. Here some crooks engaged him in the childish but innocent-looking pastime of racing cockroaches across dinner plates to a pile of castor sugar on the outer rim. Benson's particular cockroach showed itself much the fastest, and after winning a few hundred pounds he was induced to back it in a big match for £2,500 a side.

To his consternation it was easily beaten, and he paid up. Afterwards the explanation was discovered; for a £10 bride, a barman had privately put the plate used by the winners in a hot oven for half an hour before the race.

A variation of the usual method was that of a confidence trickster who bought a bracelet for 125,000 from a Biarritz jeweller and paid by cheque. This was on a Saturday, and the jeweller heard the same afternoon that the crook had offered to sell the bracelet for 30,000. Greatly agitated, and now certain that the cheque would not be honoured when the banks opened on Monday, the jeweller got the man arrested and had to pay him 500,000 to avoid an action for wrongful arrest and defamation of character.

The cheque was perfectly good, and the crook had banked this time on the jeweller's "non-confidence."

NEW SHORT STORY
COLLECTION.

G. B. Stern Book.

Pelican Walking. By G. B. Stern. (Helmans, 7s. 6d.).

This is a collection of short stories. They are of unequal merit. Some, such as "A Nectarine Life," are good; others, like "Grand Inquisitor," are hardly worth preserving. But Miss Stern is always skilful at "putting it over."

RONALD FIRBANK'S
LAST WORKDelicate And Witty
Volume.

"THE ARTIFICIAL PRINCESS"

Ronald Firbank is an arresting figure. Most people who were born before 1900 belong to a by-gone age. The odd thing about Ronald Firbank was that he belonged to two by-gone ages. Emotionally, he belonged to the Beardsley period, whereas intellectually he belonged to the Sitwell period. He managed, in his strange fashion, to fuse "Wheels" with "Under the Hill." He managed, in his strange fashion, to the fantastic and the ordinary. It is this which gives such vitality to his archaic style.

Firbank possessed a talent at the same time undulating and incisive. Being a shy man with acute instincts, he indulged in innuendo. It was not the demure innuendo of Samuel Butler, nor yet the hearty innuendo of Norman Douglas; it was a baroque type of innuendo. He dealt in porcelain hints. Yet, in his own medium he was almost a supreme artist. His posthumous work, "The Artificial Princess" (Duckworth, 6s.), shows him at his best.

Note-Book Style.

Sir Coleridge Kennard has written an introduction to this fragile little book. Anything which can tempt Sir Coleridge into print has fulfilled its function. Admirers of "Public Gardens" or "Subliminal" will welcome this introduction, which, as was to be expected, is humane and sharp.

He discloses that Firbank wrote on a system of detached notes, a system which Proust regarded as the last infirmity of noble minds. A phrase, however lovely it may be, which is inserted artificially must often carry with it a faint breath of decay; when there are several of such preserved phrases fitted into a continuous book the whole work has a dead flavour. It is merely the impulsive, the almost boyish, element in Firbank which prevented his work from becoming stagnant.

A certain immortality always attaches to writers who are inspired by one period and forecast another. Ronald Firbank, even today, is regarded in America as an important literary figure. As a specimen of all that is most delicate and witty in Ronald Firbank this "Artificial Princess" could scarcely be surpassed. Yet would any serious reader, however fascinated he may momentarily be by the cackling of Ronald Firbank, contend that he is anything more than a literary curiosity?

Had he lived longer he would certainly have written something of lasting value; his talent, however variable, was authentic and unexpectedly wise; yet he died while still in his experimental period; he achieved several brilliant improvisations on the theme of Beardsley in plus-fours; and brilliance is an evanescent quality.

CHARMING CHINESE
POETAutobiography Of
Tu Fu.

Travels of a Chinese Poet, Vol. II, A.D. 789-770, by Florence Ayscough. (Cape, 21s.). The Chinese regard Tu Fu as one of their greatest poets, and his verses, chronologically arranged, and linked with brief notes by Miss Ayscough, constitute a charming autobiography. In the period covered by this volume he was the "guest of rivers and lakes," a wanderer, withdrawn from official life, in which he had earned the reputation of being completely incorruptible.

Everything interested him in his travels. When he came to Kuei, the City of the Three-legged Monster, he noticed not only the "triumphant view" but the method of procuring water. He writes:—

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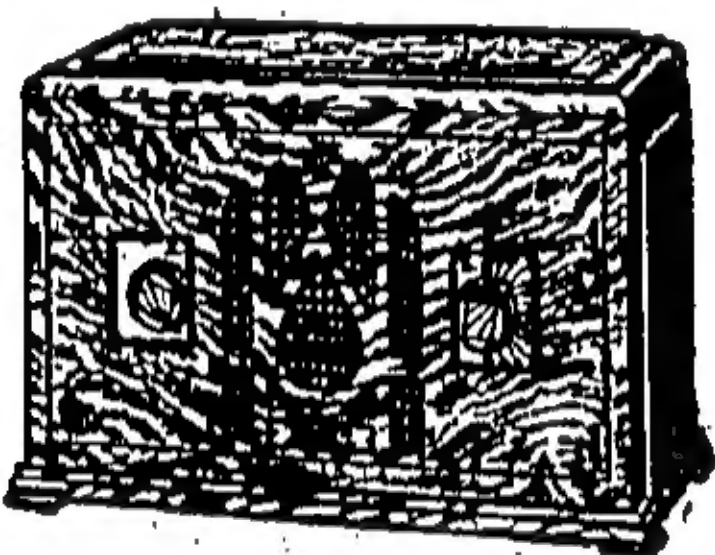
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Britannia Must Hold The Air.

Satisfaction will be given by the recent announcement that the British Government has decided upon a programme of expansion for the Air Force that will add fifty squadrons to its strength in the course of the next few years. Mr. Baldwin has assured the House of Commons that all preparations were in train, so that if the efforts at disarmament failed "not a day will have been lost in raising our air strength to parity." That statement followed the declaration from the same source that "this country will be satisfied with no less position in the air than the position of equality with the greatest Power within striking distance." A policy so firmly laid down, and so emphatically endorsed by the nation, cannot be held up while inquiries are pursued at Geneva as to the prospects of an air armaments convention.

The Royal Air Force is now, alongside the Royal Navy, the first line of defence of Great Britain and of the Empire, and today the Air Force is now beyond dispute the first line of defence, because it alone can meet the blows which in the event of war are sure to be rained on Britain with lightning speed. It alone can protect the men, women, and children of Great Britain from hostile bombers. It will be of little avail for the British Fleet to be in command of the Atlantic or Mediterranean if in the first 48 hours of war London is reduced to a heap of smoking ruins and the nerve centre of the Empire destroyed.

So great is the risk of air attack which Britain is running by the admission of all in the debate on the Air Estimates—that it is extraordinarily difficult to understand on what principle the estimates of the fighting Services this year were prepared. The Navy has received an extra £3,000,000; the Army, £1,650,000; the Air Force, most necessary and most ubiquitous of all, a meagre £135,000. But this has now been greatly increased with the expansion of the recent Air Force programme.

Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell rightly described the naval air arm as

the "spearhead" of the Navy. But the total of aeroplanes in the present naval air arm is only 170—a sorry contrast with the 1,537 machines which the American Navy will possess when the programme of 375 voted last year is complete.

The increases provided for in the Estimates of this year, are a step in the right direction. Any programme that would enable us to recover the ground voluntarily sacrificed in a sincere effort to promote peace must necessarily be on a large scale, looking ahead for several years. New squadrons require land and buildings; they must be manned efficiently; and the machines themselves are not built in a day. The attention given by the Government to this matter has resulted in plans adequate to the need will be welcomed, as resolving doubts for the future.

Anglo-French Trade—A Clean Slate.

The Anglo-French trade agreement offers grounds for satisfaction. All that has so far been done is to clean the slate. The French Government has restored the British quotas which it reduced, and the British Government undertakes, in return, to withdraw the higher duties against French goods imposed as a retaliatory measure. Both countries thus get back to conditions that present a favourable atmosphere for further negotiations. To that extent the announcement made by the Foreign Office wears a cheering aspect.

Any final judgment must be based on the terms of the new trade treaty to replace that of 1882. This has yet to be negotiated and its preparation will be the subject of probably lengthy diplomatic exchanges. In the meantime trade can be carried on as it was before France revised quotas to the disadvantage of Britain, although the exact terms of the provisional arrangement are not made public. To get back to the old position is a measure of gain, for the exchange of goods between the two countries has been steadily dwindling, to the benefit of neither. Statesmanship has obtained its chance to open wider the gates on both sides of the Channel for mutual benefit.

NEW GUINEA GOLD

Rabaul. The Morobe goldfields warden's April report states that bullion exported in April amounted to 26,843 ounces valued at \$151,896. It was the highest monthly value reached since gold-mining started in New Guinea. The value of gold exported during the last 10 months was \$1,125,389.—Reuter.

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The office is believed to date to from the reign of William the Conqueror. As long ago as 1837 its abolition was being discussed.

There are four of them, and each of them receives £10 a year.

They used to visit London inns and taste the beer, if their verdict was favourable, they drew from 1s. to 2s. 6d. from each house they visited.

They now have no official duties, but recently the conner attended at the Red Lion Brewery near the Tower.

There they sampled the last brew to be made within its walls. It was found that no conners' robes were in existence. They had to be borrowed from headles.

DOING THE EMPIRE

In October of this year the people of Victoria will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers.

The Overseas League, in conjunction with its affiliated society, the British National Union, are forming a large Empire delegation to attend the Melbourne celebrations.

Advantage will be taken of this opportunity to make the voyage into a world tour of the Empire.

The route to Australia from England will be by way of Canada, Honolulu, Fiji, and New Zealand, with stops to visit the chief cities and sights in these countries. The voyage home will take in Ceylon and India.

The delegation will leave Liverpool on August 24 and return on November 30.

The Overseas League claim, with some justice, that this is a far more valuable Empire gesture than the exchange of pompous messages of good will by cable.

Your Daily Smile!

"Man," said the woman sternly, "will wake up one morning and find that the world is being ruled by women."

"Um," sneered her husband, "just like a woman, that."

"What's just like a woman?" she demanded.

"Why," he answered deliberately, "to take advantage of a man when he sleeps."

Aunt Agatha Again

She sent my young nephew a copy of "Tom Bowling," because she knew he was so keen on cricket.

Cover Charge

Waiter: "Would you mind settling your bill, sir? We're closing now."

Patron: "But, hang it all, I haven't been served yet."

"Well, in that case, there'll only be the cover charge."

Aberdeen Birthday Card

Wishing you many happy returns 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, and 1940.

Going and Coming

"Your opening sale has closed. What now?"

"Our closing sale opens."

PERILS OF THE DEEP

"A wireless talk, broadcast from America could be heard at the bottom of the North Sea."

To look really smart a man

should wear a monocle and carry one glove," declares a fashion writer. What about a spat?

At Tea With The Typists

"If I let the boys hug me in the walls, that's my business."

"Well, how's business?"

Facts You Did Not Know

To prevent waste of matches only one can be obtained at a time from a new container intended to be hung on a wall and operated by prising a lever.

A compression chamber to be lowered into the water has been developed by the British navy to enable divers to go to greater depths than heretofore.

For protecting young trees from frost a metal cone has been invented to be placed around their trunks, the air it contains being warmed with a candle.

A Parisian has invented an attachment for standard pistols with which a person whose arrest is sought is knocked out by a blast of air but not wounded.

WHERE KNIFE AND GUN ARE LAW

CATTLE STEALING ON MEXICO'S BORDER

STRANGER THAN FICTION

(By Dolores Del Castro, The Mexican Cowgirl.)

I HAVE READ scores of tales dealing with the life of the cowboys and cowgirls of Mexico and the Mexican borders, but never yet have I found anything in fiction to compare with real life on the big ranches—the feuds of the cattle kings and their vaqueros, and the intense hates and intense loyalties of the people of the plains among whom I spent so many happy and exciting years as a child.

We women mature quickly in the Mexican sun. I was an accomplished horsewoman at six years of age, and a qualified line-rider shortly after my fourteenth birthday. Now I am twenty-one, and chafing at the restrictions and conventions of English life.

I never went to school. What little knowledge I have acquired has come through conversation with the men I worked with on my uncle's great ranch, intermittent lessons from the old priest who made Don Cypriano's hacienda his home, and from an inborn curiosity which, I fear, will ever be satisfied.

The fortunes of the Del Castros were at a low ebb when I appeared on the scene. My world was bounded by the confines of one of the largest and poorest of the old great ranches of Durango, and in my very early years my world consisted of the colourful and ever changing life of the hacienda itself. This was a miniature town, stone built, with adobe additions, like balls on a nigger's neck, plastered on to the main building at all sorts of absurd angles and positions.

Ruled Like Feudal Baron

It was here that my proud old Uncle, Don Cypriano, ruled like a feudal baron over a mixed collection of Indians, Mexicans, half-breeds, three-quarter-breeds, and down and out toughs of the most disreputable type. Some were fugitives from "justice," or what ever passed as justice in Durango at that time and all were loyal and staunch to the man to whom they looked for employment, food and shelter.

Among my very earliest recollections are dramas of shooting and stabbing. Fights were almost a daily occurrence, and, as the family fortunes dwindled lower and lower, the fights and desertions became increasingly frequent. While still a tiny child I was called upon to help in the "casualty ward."

I held the bandages and the lotions, the candles or the water-bowl, while my aunt, who was well versed in the rudimentary medical knowledge so necessary in that wild life, attended to the wounds of our boys injured in fights between themselves or with the vaqueros of neighbouring ranches. Occasionally they were victims of clashes with the Rurales—the so-called police force, which endeavoured to keep peace and order in a land where peace and order were unpopular.

Just a word about the domestic economy of the hacienda. We grew most of our own foodstuffs, and thus—with our own maize, chile peppers, frizoles and so forth—it cost Don Cypriano not more than about 10d. per week per man for food.

Cattle Stolen

Came the time when our vast ranges were almost denuded of stock.

The rustlers had been busy, and had stolen hundreds of our best animals. A dry summer had thinned the ranks still further, so that we had the position of running a ranch carrying a hundred head for every thousand there should have been.

Things had come to so bad a pitch, and the Rurales were so powerless, that Don Cypriano at length decided to take the law into his own hands and replenish his thousands of acres in the same way that some of his neighbours had adopted. He so far forgot his pride as to permit the re-taking of his ranch at the expense of the hated Americans—our closest neighbours. After much cajoling

I managed to persuade Don Cypriano to allow me to accompany the rustlers.

They adopted me as their mascot, and from the hands of the chief vaquero himself I received the beautiful silver-mounted rawhide whip which now hangs above my desk. The exquisite workmanship and memories of the dangers and adventures with which this whip is associated, make me yearn for the sage bush—the heat and smell of cattle, the wistful songs of the vaqueros after the day's work is over, the smell of wood smoke, and the roar and dust of the churning herd.

Adopted As Mascot

Out towards the distant blue hills we rode, with the blessings of Don Cypriano and the old priest still sounding in our ears. Out towards the Rio Grande. The sense of freedom and adventure were intoxicating to me, though the boys took the whole business quite as a matter of ordinary routine.

Two days of leisurely riding, and we had arrived at the point of our neighbour's line fence where we were comparatively safe from interruption. The elaborate technique of that raid, carried out by a little party of ten, and the wonderful success which brought us two hundred head of splendid breeding stock—among which we recognised not a few of our own blood lines—are matters which I will not dwell upon.

I suppose it was stealing, and if caught we should have been shot at sight or hauled away to "justice" where ten or fifteen years of imprisonment might be awaiting us. But, whether the raid was right or wrong, I enjoyed it thoroughly, and would go through it again to-day.

Escaping After Raid

After the raid, the escape. For three days, over the burning open country, we had to drive our spoils. Away in the foothills there is a gulch known only to the head vaquero and one or two of the old hands, and here the cattle could be hidden for years without fear of detection—until the next generation was well grown, with our brand superimposed and obliterating the brand of the ranch from which they were "borrowed."

But the line-riders of the Americans' ranch discovered the breach in the fence, and one of our rear-guard lookouts spotted distant pursuers. This made us drive that herd at a pace which many would think impossible throughout one weary day—the last of our trek. Five remained behind to ward off pursuit. Of course, there was a meeting. Accusations were made between the neighbour's men and ours.

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BICYCLIST FOUND NOT TO BLAME.

Woman Rushes Into Vehicle From Rain.

Harry Ho, 21-year-old fitter at the Duro Garage, was brought before Mr. J. B. H. Lee at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of failing to ride a bicycle with due care and caution, knocking down Cheung Yee, a 62-year old widow, at the junction of Mong Kok Road and Tung Choi Street at 8.30 p.m. on July 28.

Detective-Sergeant J. F. Kennedy stated that Ho was riding along Tung Choi Street at a speed of five or six miles per hour, his light was on, his brakes in good condition, and he was on the left side of the road. When a shower of rain came, all the people who were walking along the road made a dash for shelter, and Cheung ran into the bicycle. She was taken to the hospital and detained for the night.

Mr. Lee: "It may not have been his fault."

Det-Sgt. Kennedy: "No. Your Worship? If it had been a motor car she would have run into it just the same."

The defendant was discharged.

STARHEMBERG AUSTRIA'S VICE CHANCELLOR

Barely 35 When He
Stepped Into Breach.

REGENCY RUMOURS

Barely 35 years old, Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg, who is Vice-Chancellor in the new Austrian Cabinet, became the youngest head of a European government when he succeeded to the leadership of the Austrian government following the assassination of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss.

For the upkeep of the Heimwehr, the Fascist military organisation, which has been the main support of the Dollfuss government, the tall young aristocrat has spent a huge fortune. He is the head of the organisation, which numbers some 250,000.

It was the Heimwehr, who are more often led by Major Emil Fey, Prince von Starhemberg's chief Lieutenant, who crushed the Socialist revolt in Vienna in February. Starhemberg was born in 1899 in Efferring, Upper Austria. He studied at the Universities of Innsbruck and Munich, fought as a youngster in the post-war clashes in Upper Silesia, and for some years was close to the Hitler movement.

Opponent To Hitler.

In recent Austrian history he has figured, as now, as a bitter opponent of Hitler, but because of his earlier attitude and because of the general trend of the Heimwehr movement, rumours have arisen in the past that he and the Nazis had reached an agreement.

Now he is directing the fight to prevent Nazi control of Austria, and is credited with close sympathy with Italy's Fascism.

Other rumours that have been hard to suppress are those in which Starhemberg figures as the forthcoming regent of Austria, regent of a kingless kingdom which some day may again become a Hapsburg monarchy.

Sat In Parliament.

Although Starhemberg has devoted his energy to the destruction of parliamentary government, he once sat in parliament and for three months in 1930 was Minister of Interior before Dollfuss became Premier.

His mother, Princess Starhemberg, was still an executive of the Christian Socialist (Dollfuss) party when her tall, impetuous son was succeeding in his efforts to throw all political parties into the historical ashcan.

In casual conversation the Prince exhibits a boyish, friendly shyness, just the type of young aristocrat who appeals to democrats. Yet he was a relentless foe of the democratic administration of Socialist Vienna.

DERELICT JUNK OFF DEAL

Tragedy Revealed On
English Coast.

OWNERSHIP MYSTERY

Deal.

A tragedy of the sea is believed to be revealed by the discovery of an empty boat, built on the lines of a Chinese junk, which was found waterlogged and badly damaged in Sandwich Bay, near the mouth of the Stour, on June 29.

The boat, named Shui Ting, and parts of the wreckage, bear Chinese inscriptions.

No boat by the name has been reported missing, but a report was received at the coastguard station on June 30 that some French sailors had seen a vessel of a similar type in mid-Channel the day before.

From this it is presumed that an attempt was being made by the occupants to cross the Channel secretly, but failing further confirmation of that theory the finding of the boat and its ownership remain a mystery.

It is possible that it may have been cut adrift from a pleasure boat or have been lost by a Chinese vessel.

Painted white, it is about 18 ft. long, and will accommodate six people. The stern is missing, and apart from the name, there are no other marks of identification.

It was first seen by two Deal anglers who were fishing in the bay.



Finland that surrounded America by paying promptly its share of war debts when most of the world defaulted, has been doing startling things for decades. It maintained its national life for centuries while a subject nation. After it declared its independence from Russia in 1917 and set up a republic, Finland, relatively a poor land, has built up a flourishing national wealth through the export of vast quantities of paper pulp and lumber. Like the United States, Finland experienced a disastrous time with national prohibition until wiser counsel terminated the experiment two years ago.

CHINA HOTTEST SPELL

Drought And Burned
Up Crops.

FAMINE SPECTRE

Shanghai.

The past weeks have brought the hottest weather China has experienced in more years than hardly anybody in this scorched nation knows.

The Catholic mission observatory here which does most of the weather recording for this part of the world says its records go back for more than 60 years and at no time during that long period has the temperature reached that recorded in various parts of China during June and July.

Sian, capital of Shansi province, reported 112 degrees in the shade while many other places varied from 128 to 110 degrees for similar readings. Shanghai, never exactly a summer resort, set up a reading of 104.4, which the Catholic weather experts said was a record for this locality as far as they knew.

Temperatures on Shanghai streets and on those of many other China cities went as high as 140 degrees above zero. The Catholic weather men, however, said those could not be considered "official."

Winter Suffering Ahead

More serious than the causing discomfort that this is Chinese and foreigners alike in Shanghai is the toll in human life that is being taken in the interior and the economic loss. Rains have been few and far between. The result is drought and burned up crops. Behind these loom the spectre of famine and more suffering and death during the coming winter.

Crops have been reduced to but a fraction of their normal yield. Foodstuffs have jumped in price beyond the reach of the peasant and in many localities there is simply no grain to be had at any price. How these folk will fare when the cold winds begin to sweep China's great inland plains later in the year does not constitute a pleasant picture.

While the greater part of the country this summer suffered heat and drought the northwest provinces experienced losses from floods coming from the mountains still further west on the continent.

The petition for the winding up of the British Film Distributing Company Ltd., which was scheduled to be heard before the Court to-day, was adjourned by the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning, owing to the Criminal Sessions. The petition will be heard on Wednesday morning.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current
Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police.

Chinese Company

Strength. The following have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from 11th July, 1934:—

Constables R37 Hon Pak Chung, R88 Young Shou Te and R73 James Ko.

Leave. Sub-Inspector (R) Tani Kwong Kong has resumed duty in charge of No. 1 Platoon, as from 11th July, 1934.

Sub-Inspector (R) David Lole and Crown Sergeant R87 Wong Chung have been granted 10 days' leave, as from 24th July, 1934.

During the absence on leave of Lance Sergeant R30 Thong Po Wing, Lance Sergeant R39 Te's Huk On has been appointed to take charge of No. 8 Squad in addition to his ordinary duties, as from 17th July, 1934 until further notice.

Training Course—Part II. The following members have been passed out as efficient in Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duty and Regulation):—

Constables R1 Harry Lau, R2 Luke Ho, R3 Luke Ying Choi and R19 Joseph C. K. Wong.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, July 31 at 17.30 hours for instruction.

Indian Company

Strength. Constable R240 Ghulam Hussain has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from 18th July, 1934.

Constable R240 K. Sohan Singh has been permitted to resign from the Indian Company, as from 13th July, 1934.

Training Course—Part II. All recruits of the Indian Company residing at Kowloon will attend 4, Chi Woo Street, Kowloon on Wednesday, August 1 at 17.30 hours for instruction.

All recruits of the Indian Company residing at Hong Kong will attend Chinese Company Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, August 2 at 17.30 hours for instruction.

Flying Squad

Training Course—Part II. Constable R325 Cheung King Chor has been passed out as efficient in Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duty and Regulation).

Emergency Unit Reserve

General Meeting. A General Meeting for members of the Emergency Unit Reserve will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, August 3 at 17.30 hours. All members will attend. D.S.P. (R) will be present.

C. CHAMPKIN

Acting V. & P. (R).
Hong Kong, Monday, July 30, 1934.

To-day's Short Story.

BLIND

By Douglas
Boyd.

IN the village of Peverel lived Jonathan Flynn, a blind man. He had been blind since his youth, and had grown so familiar with the village and its surroundings that he had never felt a desire to live elsewhere; and he had become so accustomed to his blindness, also, that often he had been heard to say that it made no difference to him at all.

It appeared that his affliction never troubled him. He went up and down the street with a curious sliding tread that gave no perceptible jerk to his erect body, and he had a certainty of movement that amazed those who knew little about him. He never walked into an obstacle; and if anyone turned aside to get out of his way, he would shake his stick and say, with a loud laugh: "Now, then, I see you—I see you—" and would step off the path out of their way, and they would look after him and wonder.

He had a companion, one Matthew Blanch, who also was blind. Matthew, however, wasn't so sure of himself. But that didn't matter, said Jonathan Flynn, because he could see—hal yes, he could see for both of them; and he would walk up to Matthew's cottage and say: "Coming out for a walk, Matthew?" And Matthew would answer "Yes, Jonathan"; and together they would stroll along the narrow, leafy lanes, bordered on both sides with hawthorn hedges and oak and ash and elm trees, and where it was so cool and so quiet; or walk over the green fields with the sun warm upon their sightless faces.

When they heard a sparrow singing on the boughs of the trees; or fluttering in the hedges, Jonathan would say:

"Listen, Matthew. That's a song-thrush. Do you know the

song-thrush, Matthew? His wings and his back are brown, and his yellow breast is covered with little dark brown spots. He is a sweet little bird, and one of our finest singers." Or: "Do you hear that, Matthew? That's a bullfinch. He has a head like velvet, a deep rich black. He lives among the trees, but when the fruit trees in the gardens and in the orchards begin to show flower-buds he comes out and eats them."

And Matthew would say: "Really, Jonathan, it's marvellous how you can tell." Sometimes, it is true, he wondered if Jonathan hadn't made a mistake, after all; if it wasn't really a yellow-hammer, who has a bright yellow head, and whose song consists of only two notes: the first repeated many times, and the other,

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be
"Derrick's Return," by
Gouverneur Morris.

A little lower, uttered only once—much different from the bullfinch's clear, piping call.

He would not dare to say so—the suggestion that he might be wrong always annoyed Jonathan, who would puff himself out with pride and boast to Matthew that there was nothing he did not know or could not see, although he was as blind as a bat. He would boast all the way home.

Matthew would stumble up the path to the door of his cottage and fumble for the latch. Jonathan, with an accuracy which made him chuckle, would strike with his stick at a dog as it brushed against his legs, finding pleasure in hearing it scamper to the other side of the road. With his body erect, his head held slightly forward, his stick swinging gently sideways, like a pendulum, in front of him, he walked down the street without making one false step, loudly proclaiming his knowledge of the whereabouts of everything and everybody.

But everyone in the village had, it seemed, some family connection with someone else in every other village in the neighbourhood, and his reputation for being able to see things he could not see was tossed hither and thither like a falling leaf in a boisterous wind. His name became a byword, not only among those with whom he was acquainted, but also among those of whom he had never heard; and it so happened that one day he met a man who not only could see, but who, being thus gifted, felt it incumbent on him to let others share his good fortune.

The sun was falling behind the distant hills. All day it had shone upon the parched land, burning up the freshness of the grass, leaving it so coarse and dry that the sheep lined the hedgerows, where the ground was sheltered and the grass more green. The path, which was brown and hard, threaded its way through the fields until it climbed the sudden steepness of Calloway Hill, where it twisted and turned like a brown snake among the scattered gorse.

The hedges, their withered leaves as crisp as paper, were like dark, uneven walls. Tall nettles grew against them, hiding the ditches which were choked with sere wood and the dead, brown leaves of the last autumn.

"I hear someone coming," said Matthew.

A voice was singing cheerfully behind them, but as he spoke it stopped, and nothing was heard but the sound of feet upon the path.

"I do not know that voice. He is a stranger," said Jonathan.

Jonathan knew every one of the nine hundred voices in the village," he added.

They went on slowly and in silence towards the next gate, and as they reached it again the voice broke upon their ears, but this time loudly:

"Allow me to open the gate for you."

Matthew turned with a smile and said: "Thank you very much."

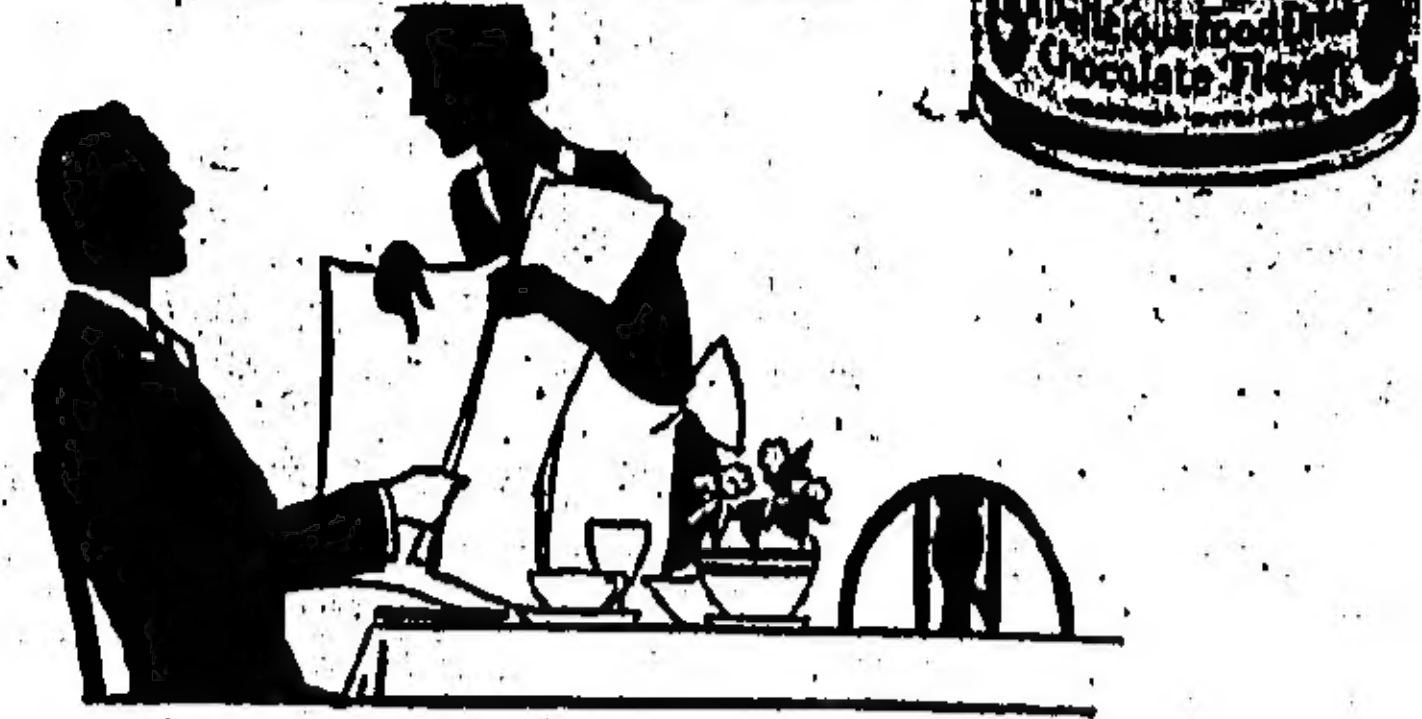
"Glad to be of assistance, Matthew Blanch. You know, Man was born to help his 'fellow-men' and what better opportunity has he than to aid those who cannot see?"

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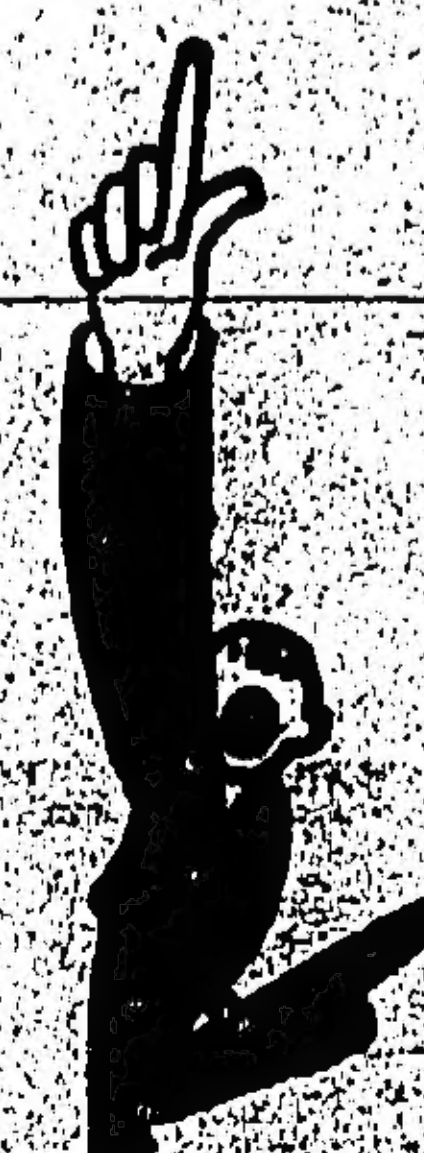
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PAINTERS MEETING THE CRISIS

Ingenious Methods Of Paris Artists.

PICTURES FOR BARTER

Paris. Paris artists, who owing to the "crisis" have fallen on hard times, have hit on an ingenious method of disposing of their pictures.

They have invited the public to subscribe 10/- a month to an "Art Society." At the end of the month all the subscribers' tickets are put in a hat and the first one drawn out receives a picture.

Another group of artists is doing well with its "Exchange Exhibition" which has been running for some years. All the pictures exhibited are offered not for sale but for barter—though hard cash, if offered, would not be refused.

At this "Exhibition" a baker has acquired what he hopes will in time be an "Old Master" by supplying the painter with a loaf of bread daily for a year. A tailor has parted with a suit of clothes in exchange for a picture, and a barber, by virtue of free shaves and haircuts for a year, is now a patron of the arts.—Reuter.

A GOOD TURN NOT FORGOTTEN.

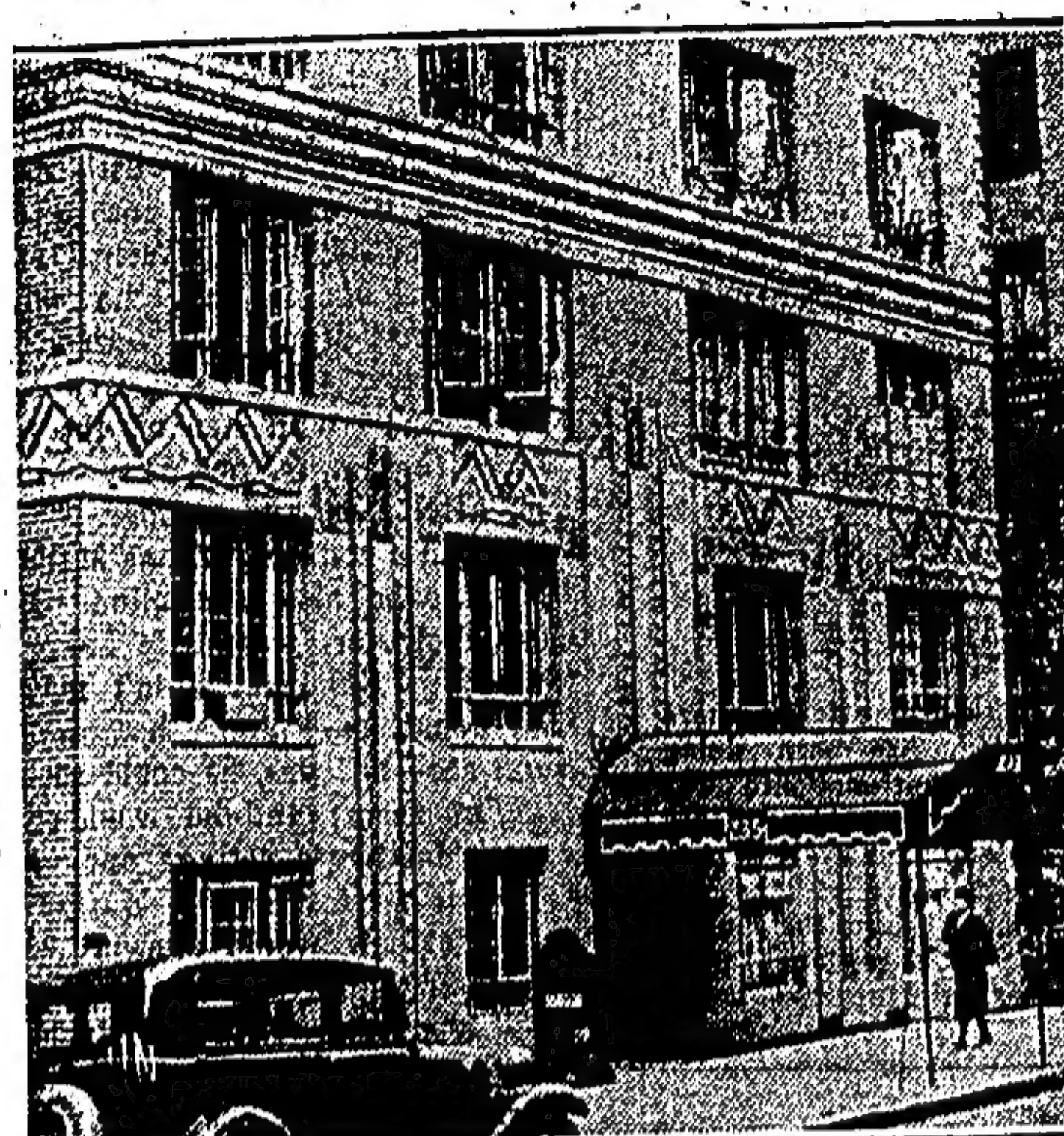
Grateful Sportsman's Donation.

Some years ago, meeting a man who was unemployed and miserable Mr. H. Matthews, secretary of the Balmmain Rugby League Club, secured him a pass for a League match to while away what would have been just another dreary Saturday afternoon. Shortly afterwards, the befriended man secured a good position with a firm in New Guinea. He immediately despatched £11.0. towards the funds of the Balmmain Club. Regularly each year the guinea arrives, this year's donation having recently been received.—Reuter.

AIRWOMAN ENTERS CONVENT.

Parachute Record Holder.

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Capt. Ivan Poderzaj is shown in the radio-picture at right as he appeared under arrest in Vienna in connection with the mysterious disappearance of his bride, the former Miss Agnes C. Tufverson, New York and Detroit lawyer (left). Capt. Poderzaj married Miss Tufverson in New York and went to live at her apartment in the building shown below. Shortly after she disappeared and he sailed for Europe alone. Investigation showed that Capt. Poderzaj, Yugoslav adventurer, was married at the time he made Miss Tufverson's bride.

BLIND

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"You are a stranger to us" said Jonathan, "but you seem to know who we are."

"Who has not heard of Jonathan Flynn?" replied the other, with a slight irony, "the man who is blind, and yet from whom nothing is hidden."

"Ah!" said Jonathan, looking pleased.

"If our path is in the same direction, may I go with you?"

"With pleasure. We are going through Calloway's Covert, down the other side of the hill, and then round to the village. It is a delightful walk."

"Good. I may be of some service to you."

"We need no assistance. You know," said Jonathan, "some people imagine that we are as helpless as kittens."

"But, surely—"

"You have but to observe that, although our steps seem casual, they are made with certainty, to realise how unnecessary that assistance is."

"I am not so sure of my movements, Jonathan," said Matthew; and then, turning his sightless eyes to the stranger, continued: "You see, I lost my sight when I was quite young. Nothing could arrest the disease which affected my eyes. Gradually I became quite blind. Everything with which I was so familiar, faces of those who were so dear to me, became blurred, then nearly indistinguishable, and were finally lost in darkness—darkness which at first frightened me."

"A world in which you began to miss things you sought and to blunder into the things you wished to avoid," said the stranger.

"But a world—" began Jonathan. "Yes," went on Matthew. "At first my life was a torture. Eight o'clock, midnight, the early hours of the morning—they were all the same to me. I went to bed when I felt tired. In darkness I laid my head upon the pillow and found rest in sleep; and when the sounds of the morning aroused me, I awoke to find myself in that same darkness. With the day came fear. It was as if a thousand little demons were in attendance upon me all the time, seeking at unexpected moments to jar a thousand little nerves with a thousand disappointments."

"What a relief a guiding hand at your elbow must have been," said the stranger; and, first opening the gate to the next field, he took the two men by their arms and led them by it, adding: "And what a world to live in! A world which knows no sun, no moon, no stars, no day."

"But a world—" said Jonathan, irritably, shaking off the hand upon his arm.

"It seemed so," said Matthew. "But I have imagination—a priceless gift to one who is blind—and Jonathan has taught me how to use it. When I am not quite sure of my path, or walking along one which is new to me, he leads me."

"A blind man—placing such trust in one who also is blind!" exclaimed the stranger in tones which quite plainly said also: "Can there really be such folly?"

"If you will allow me to speak," broke in Jonathan, "I would say that it is a world which is peopled with the same voices and which produces the same noises. Time has intensified our hearing. When I am walking in the village, my feet never stumble off the kerb—I am able to judge how far I am away from the walls of the houses by the noise of my footsteps. I know every archway and every gateway, for each throws back a different echo."

"I know every lane and footpath for miles around, and Nature cannot betray me, because my ears have become sensitive to the slightest variation of her sounds. Nor is our world so empty as you imagine. Do you not feel the wind's warm touch upon your face, as light as if a feather was playing upon your cheeks?" He lifted his face towards the sky. "I see the white clouds—pure as the petals of a white rose—chasing one another towards the setting sun."

"For a moment there was silence. Then said the stranger quietly, as one would point out an error to a child:

"It is not so. There are but one or two clouds, and they are almost black a black tinged with purple, the colour of dark tulips—and seem heavy with rain. They come from the west."

"Rain—rain!" said Jonathan petulantly. "There will be no rain. For six days we have had the burning sun, and shall yet for the seventh. The sky is red, and as the clouds draw closer to the west they are at first edged with pink, then turn a fiery scarlet."

"They are black clouds," repeated the other. "And—yes, there on the horizon are signs of a coming storm, a dull yellow ridge which tips the distant hills. The ridge of dull yellow is spreading from behind the wooded hill-tops like a great arc of light—a lurid, streaky yellow, which the earth and all that grows upon it seem to reflect."

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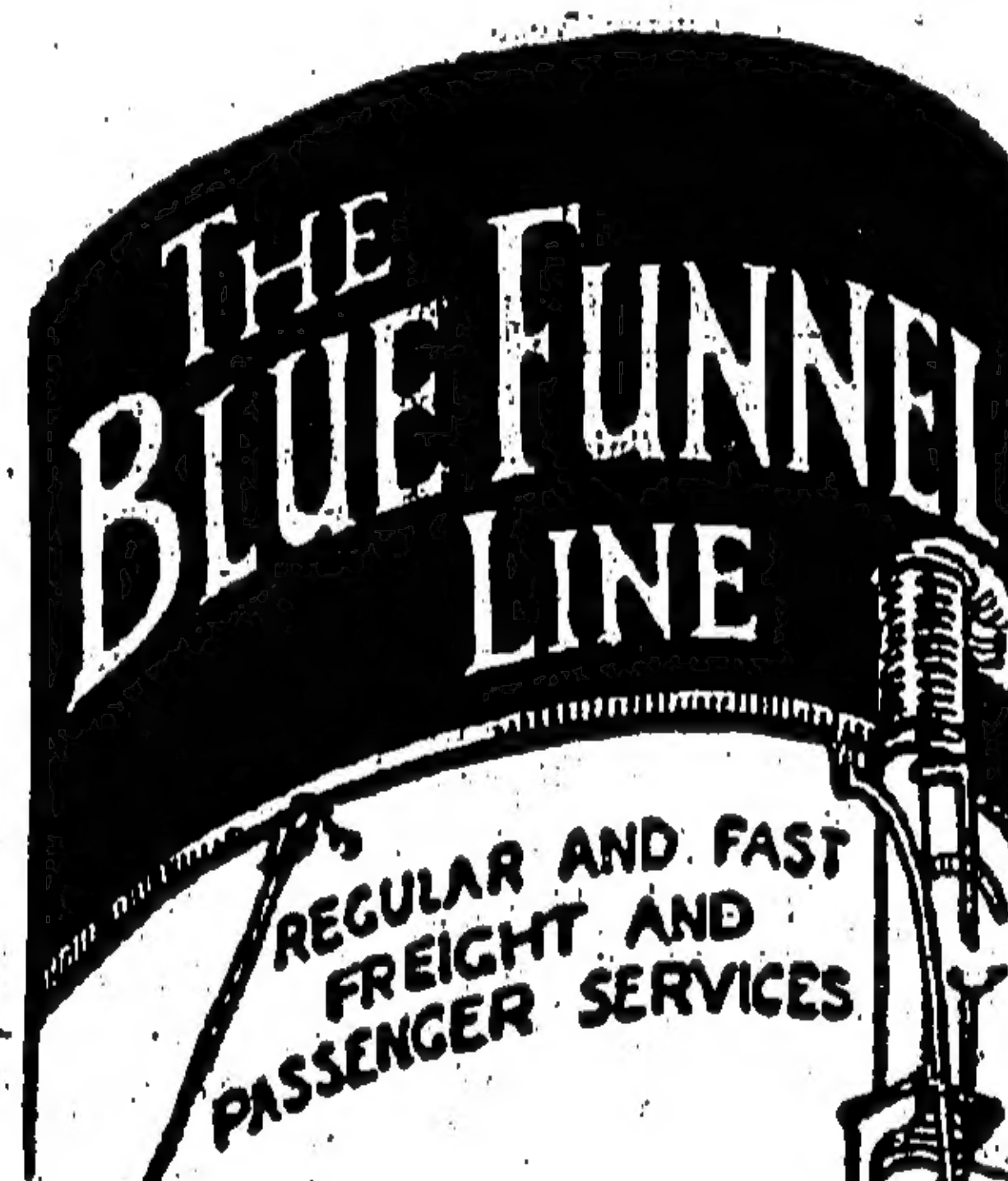
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U.S. Playing "Good Neighbour" Role In Abrogating Platt Amendment



One, Gen. Augusto Sandino, recently assassinated; two, U.S. marines in Nicaragua; three, Cuba's capitol; four, President Roosevelt.

By HENRY MARTINEZ

HAVANA, Cuba. — (I.L.N.)—When President Franklin D. Roosevelt scratched his signature to the document abrogating the Platt amendment of 1901, it marked a momentous step in the new diplomatic relationship between the United States and the Latin-American nations.

For Cuba it marked liberation from the "Colossus of the North," as the United States is termed by resentful South American patriots, and a fulfillment of the Roosevelt doctrine of non-intervention, enunciated before the Montevideo congress early this year by Secretary of State Cordell B. Hull. Only the right to maintain a naval base was reserved.

Monroe Doctrine

Since 1823, when James Monroe, fifth United States president, first announced the policy that has since become a keystone of western world diplomacy, the Monroe Doctrine has been denounced and praised both as tyranny and as far seeing altruism. The American idea that intervention or new colonization attempts by foreign powers in the western hemisphere after 1823 was to be prevented by force if necessary was based on the early fear of European royal despotism, with its hatred of American democracy. The "Holy Alliance" of Austria, Russia and France endeavored to restore the authority of the Spanish king over the South American republics which had gained freedom through a great tidal wave of revolution.

Not until 1899 when Maximilian of Austria set himself up as emperor of Mexico with the guidance of Napoleon III of France, did the United States threaten force to eject the invader, but the name of the Monroe Doctrine was not brought forward.

The Venezuelan Episode

When Venezuela was threatened by British warships for defaulting debts, President Grover Cleveland in 1895 forcibly called for their instant removal, to which England consented, mostly however, because of a threatening South African war.

The Spanish-American conflict first gave the United States a taste of imperialism and "manifest destiny," transforming the nation into a first-class power, and with an empire for the first time in its history. Specific-

ally in the Caribbean, where the necessity for a canal across the isthmus became more and more pressing, the United States' attitude towards the various small countries required a policy that had to be both cautious and altruistic. Cuba was given its freedom by the Platt amendment; Puerto Rico became an insular territory, and the Virgin Islands were bought from Denmark supposedly to serve as naval bases.

The new "dollar diplomacy" of the United States was first put into practice in 1905 when Theodore Roosevelt appointed a financial adviser for the Dominican Republic. In 1916, marines were dispatched and the island virtually brought under American naval control which ended in 1924.

Nicaragua's Revolt
Resentment smoldered in Nicaragua after 23 years of intervention,

BLIND

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"Do you not hear the tinkle of a cow's bell and the barking of a dog?" said Jonathan, suddenly. "There—again. I see the drover with his stick, urging the cows towards the milking-sheds. Slowly, aimlessly—"

"The cows were in the milking-sheds half-an-hour ago. That bell you hear is round the neck of a sheep. That is not the drover's dog you hear—it is a mongrel worrying the whole flock. It must be stopped." He ran off, and they heard his cries mingling with the barking of the dog and the bleating of the sheep.

"I wonder who he is?" said Matthew.

Jonathan struck the path with his stick. "I do not know his voice," he said, impatiently, "and I do not like him. He seems bent on disagreeing with everything I say. I believe he is doing it simply to annoy me."

"His assurance seems very convincing...."

"I do not think he is reliable, and I certainly resent his offers of assistance."

"But, Jonathan, perhaps he is right, after all. We may be glad of his guidance through the covert."

"Matthew, you vex me. After having trusted me all these years, you now begin to doubt me. Must I, Jonathan Flynn, be said scornfully, "to whom these paths are as well known as that which leads up to my own cottage, turn back?"

"Very well. When we reach the covert, I will take your arm."

"Let us go on," said Jonathan, striding forward.

"But, the stranger—"

"Let us go on, I say."

But when they reached the gate to the next field the stranger was there, awaiting them, and holding the gate open.

"Once I saw a swan flying," said Matthew, as they went on together. "It went through the still air like a solitary streak of white against a sky of shell-blue. Its long neck thrust forward like a spear."

"That led to inquiries, and the director of the prison has now been dismissed.—Reuter

and broke out into flame with Gen. Augusto C. Sandino, rebel leader who came more and more pressing, the United States' attitude towards the various small countries required a policy that had to be both cautious and altruistic. Cuba was given its freedom by the Platt amendment; Puerto Rico became an insular territory, and the Virgin Islands were bought from Denmark supposedly to serve as naval bases.

Last December, President Franklin Roosevelt completely struck a new chord when he stated that henceforth, the American people wished merely to play the role of "good neighbour."

Now with the abrogation of the Platt amendment, projected liberation of the Philippines, America is making good its Rooseveltian "good neighbour" role.

"You are wrong. I, Jonathan Flynn, not see the sparrows? Why, the birds fill my world with light and music. Think you that I cannot tell the skylark from the cuckoo? The blue-tit with his bright blue crown and white cheeks and greenish-blue back and wings; from the little, brown meadow-pipit? You are wrong. Isn't he, Matthew?"

"Why—yes," replied Matthew. Could not he, too, tell the skylark from the cuckoo?

"Do you hear that flap-flap of wings in the tops of the trees of the covert?" asked Jonathan. "That's a wood-pigeon—a wood-pigeon, I say. They clap their wings together with a sharp sound, which can often be heard a long way off."

"Ha!" said the stranger, amused. "That's not a wood-pigeon. It's a rook."

"It's a wood-pigeon. I tell you—hurry on!" said the stranger again. When they are suddenly startled and, stepping over a fallen branch they always fly out with a great flapping of wings and noisy disturbance among the branches."

"It is a rook. It has just left the covert and is flying to a neighbouring copse."

"It is a wood-pigeon," repeated Jonathan, stubbornly. "Its colours are soft and rich."

"It is a common, black rook."

"A wood-pigeon."

"A rook."

Jonathan, angrily taking and the stranger, turning quickly, Matthew by the arm, would not say saw him trip over the fallen branch another word. They had reached and go headlong into the ditch, dragging the hill, and Jonathan began to king Matthew with him.

strike the gorse bushes with his stick, turning now to the right of this one, now to the left of that one, his lips moving as inaudibly he counted his steps between them, until he reached the top where the brown path crept beneath a stile and vanished into the covert.

One after another they climbed over the stile. Jonathan once again taking Matthew's arm, they went into the woods.

Here the air was cool and refreshing. The grass was fresh and green, and the moss-covered path was like a long green cushion, soft beneath their tread. It was bordered on one side by a deep ditch, and on the other by an impenetrable thicket. Great trees stretched their long twisted branches, heavy with foliage, over all, a canopy of brown and green. From the thicket rats peered at them with little beady eyes; rabbits scampered through the undergrowth; and in the deepening twilight sparrows, tom-tits, bullfinches and thrushes went from branch to branch and fluttered in the bushes.

"You will surely let me guide you through the covert?" said the stranger.

"We do not require your assistance," replied Jonathan, sharply. "There is a ditch beside the path—"

"I know it."

"There are all these trees around you—"

"I am aware of them. I do not need you to tell me where they are."

"Oh—well, I am sorry. I meant only to be kind. I will hurry on."

"You forced your company upon us, just as now you thrust upon us your offer of assistance," went on Jonathan.

"If you do not want me, I will hurry on," said the stranger again. When they are suddenly startled and, stepping over a fallen branch they always fly out with a great flapping of wings and noisy disturbance among the branches."

"You have assumed that I am incapable of looking after myself, and my friend," Jonathan, his anger rising, called after him; "that we are not safe unless we crawl gingerly upon our hands and knees, like babies. You have amused yourself at our expense by contradicting everything we have said. You—"

Suddenly he uttered a loud cry. Jonathan, angrily taking and the stranger, turning quickly, Matthew by the arm, would not say saw him trip over the fallen branch another word. They had reached and go headlong into the ditch, dragging the hill, and Jonathan began to king Matthew with him.

"Help! help!" cried Matthew, one hand pressing Jonathan's face into the soft earth, the other feeling for the bank.

Jonathan pulled Matthew's hair. "Get off me—get off me!" he screamed, and, twisting his body, he reversed the position. With one knee in the pit of Matthew's stomach, he wrestled blindly with the blackthorn bushes which spread in confusion about the ditch. His hands and face torn by the sharp thorns, he climbed up the bank and stood there cursing.

"Where is my stick?" he shouted. "Where is my stick?"

"You have climbed out on the wrong side of the ditch," the stranger told him.

"Where is my stick? Where is my stick?" stormed Jonathan, as if he had not heard, and tumbling in the grass at his feet.

"Help me—help me!" said Matthew, and, rising, caught hold of Jonathan's coat. Then his feet slipped on the rotting leaves which formed the soft bed of the ditch, and again he fell, pulling Jonathan with him. Once more they began to fight and to struggle with each other, scattering the leaves about them, smearing their hair and their faces with the damp earth; until, at last, they managed to separate and regain the path.

Excited by their cries, the covert had stirred into great activity. Startled rabbits appeared, paused, then turned quickly, showing little tufts of white fur that jerked up and down for an instant and then vanished. The birds flew swiftly from the bushes, and in the tops of the trees the rooks chattered, clapped their wings, agitatedly against the branches, and went noisily out of the covert; and as the sound of their wings died away the covert became shrouded in silence.

Then the stranger left them. They heard his steps fade softly upon the moss-covered path. But with his going, came Fear; and Matthew began to tremble violently, as, starting into his darkness, he fancied he saw, like lim shadows, the twisted shapes that stood about him; and even Jonathan threw back his head and held out an arm before his white face, half in ward off some tangible thing.

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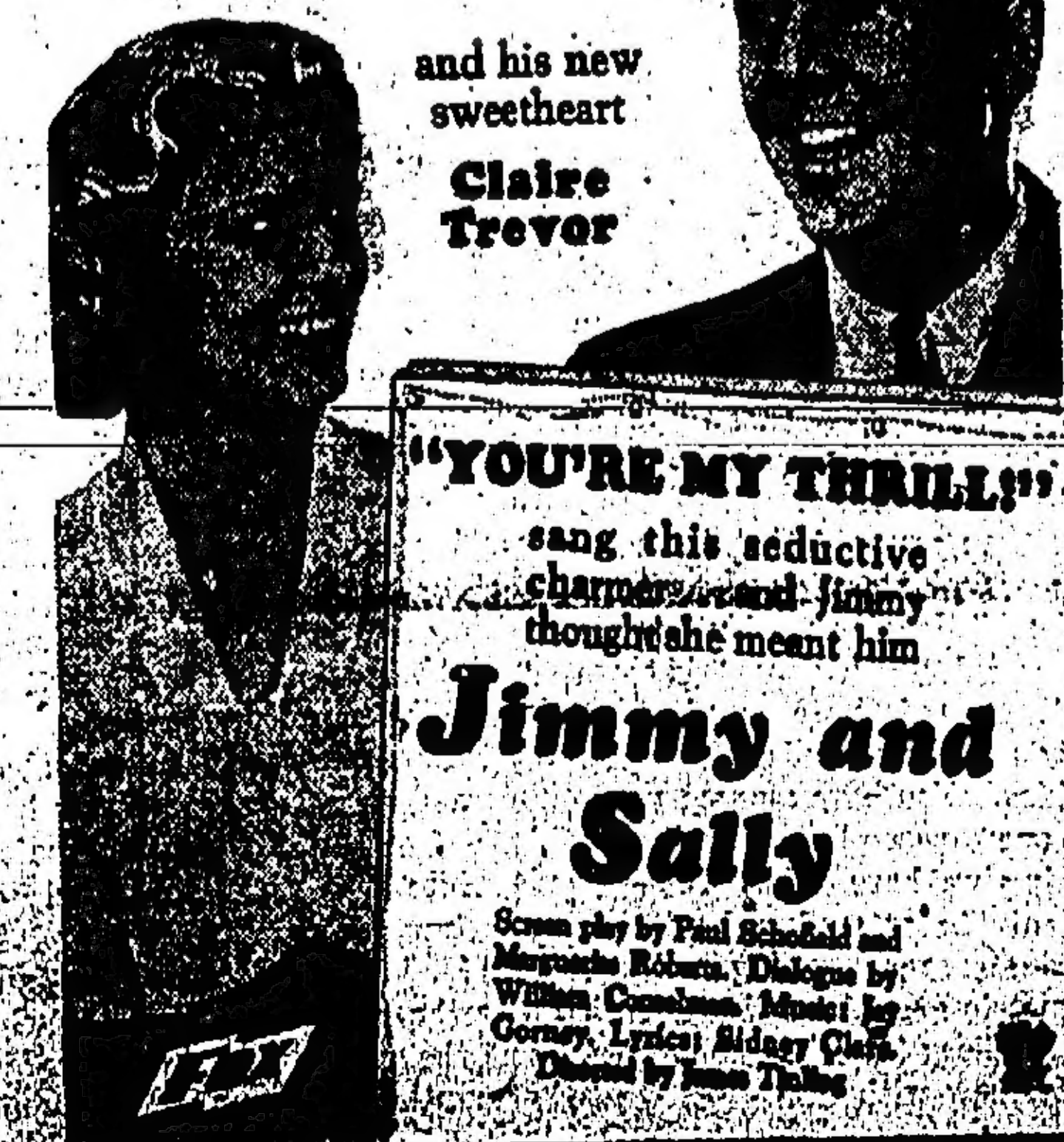


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GAMBLING TAX TO GO KWANGTUNG'S LATE DECREE.

LOSS TO GOVERNMENT

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Saturday.
All miscellaneous gambling taxes collected in the counties will be abolished after August 1, according to a notification circulated to-day by Mr. Au Feng-po, Provincial Commissioner of Finance, to the various county magistrates and tax collecting syndicates.
Syndicates which collect the taxes on behalf of the government pay a cash guarantee for this undertaking, and they will be refunded by income from the sugar monopoly. At the same time abolition of this tax means loss of government revenue, but the profit from the sugar monopoly will cover the deficit.

The Provincial Department of Finance intended to cancel these taxes sooner, but the uprising in Fukien last November adversely affected the revenues of Kwangtung, because it was mistakenly believed that the short-lived People's Revolutionary Government in Fochow was Communist in nature. Then the depreciation of provincial bank notes followed and Government income shrank further.

In abolishing the gambling taxes, the financial authorities count on the levy of a special protection tax and other legitimate rates in the near future.

THIRD DEGREE IN AMERICA

Judge's Reprimand
For Agents.

Miami, Florida.
That third-degree methods, reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition in their inhumanity and brutality, are still flourishing here was evidenced when a Federal Judge discharged Jerry Williams, a negro accused of having made a kidnapping threat, and reprimanded a government agent and a town Marshal for treatment "inhuman and contrary to law."

One of those against whom the negro was accused of having made a kidnapping threat testified that a "burial party" was arranged at which Williams was stripped naked, placed in an open grave and threatened with burial if he did not "tell the truth."

The same witness also testified that during another examination, Williams was placed on a chair equipped to give an electric shock and again was threatened with death.

The judge interrupted the testimony of the witness and immediately dismissed Williams and another man arrested with him. He then delivered a reprimand to the government agents. — Reuter.

A fine of \$50, in default one month's hard labour, was imposed on Li Sim, a shop fohi, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the theft of a bundle of leather from No. 17 Lower Lascar Row.

MUNICIPAL NOTE RALLY IN CANTON NOW ACCEPTED AT 97 CENTS.

STABILISATION PLAN

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Saturday.
After a depreciation of eight months, the notes of the Canton Municipal Bank are on the way to full recovery, being accepted to-day at 97 cents to the dollar.

Recently, the Canton Municipal Bank has received \$700,000 in notes as payments for various municipal charges and rates, also a further sum of \$500,000, also in municipal notes, as payment for land tax and cash security for electricity metres. This big amount is withdrawn from further circulation with the result that the notes are rising in value.

\$1,200,000 COLLECTED BACK
Altogether, about \$1,200,000 worth of municipal notes was collected back by the Canton Municipal Government. Furthermore, the Kwangtung Provincial Government and its subsidiary offices have consented to hold up for three months all municipal notes in their possession.

It was announced some time ago that the total amount of these notes on the market was only about \$1,000,000, but the amount received back so far has exceeded those figures and the actual sum still in circulation is about \$900,000.

The Canton Government is following the same principles as the Finance Department in stabilising the provincial notes which have now achieved par value.

PEKING SHOOTING INCIDENT.

Woman Killed Outside
Theatre.

A shooting brawl outside the Central Cinema Theatre, Peking, during the yesterday morning show, resulted in the death of a woman, and five men being wounded.

It was stated that three men fired several shots, the motive for which remains a mystery to the Peking police. The victims were rushed to the Peking Hospital where the woman died.

The Chinese film picture shown at the time was entitled "Life."

STARHENBERG PASSED OVER

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Prince Starhenberg, leader of the Heimwehr (Fascists), is Vice-Chancellor, and Major Emil Fey, former Vice-Chancellor, becomes Minister of Interior. Herr Berger Waldenegg becomes Foreign Minister a portfolio which Dr. Dollfus held in his own Cabinet, while Dr. Karl Buresch continues as Finance Minister.

Dr. Schuschnigg is additionally Minister of Defence and Minister of Education, while Prince Starhenberg is additionally Minister of Security, giving him the responsibility of the gendarmerie and auxiliary forces. — Reuter.

NATIVE POLICY ATTACKED

Bitter Address In
South Africa.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE'S TIRADE

Cape Town.

A bitter attack on the Government's native policy was made by Sir James Rose-Innes, former Chief Justice of the Union, in an address at the annual meeting of the Cape branch of the Joint Council of Europeans and Bantus.

"The keynote of that policy, it is insisted, must be not liberty, but repression," he declared. "The natives are under no circumstances to form part of our policy. They are to be a people apart to whom privileges of citizenship are to be forever denied. They are to be segregated territorially, politically, economically, from the remainder of the population whom they outnumber by three to one."

"That this policy can be put into full operation is very doubtful: that the result would be disastrous to our country is absolutely certain. Yet we are told by the energetic and forceful Minister that it is the hallmark of the new South African culture. He regards it as necessary to the preservation of white civilisation."

"We are all agreed that, in the interests of black and white alike, the civilisation introduced by the white man must prevail in this country, but we think that it would best be preserved by including in its privileges, and enlisting in its defence, every class of inhabitant, irrespective of race, colour or creed."

"The Minister's policy is the negation of that ideal. He aims at the dominance of the white man, because he is white and the subservience of the black man because he is black. That is the policy of the top dog. It is at full blast in Mr. Pirow's ancestral home. What results there will be we do not yet know, but we cannot risk it here where the diversity of race is complicated by the clash of colour." — Reuter.

BORDERER UNFIT TO ATTEND COURT.

Repulse Bay Case
Adjourned.

Private Robert Booth, of the South Wales Borderers, who was charged together with Privates John Roberts and Roy Horley with highway robbery on the Repulse Bay Road on June 15, was reported to be still ill in Victoria Gaol by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney-General, at the Criminal Sessions, Supreme Court, this morning.

Addressing the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, Mr. Fraser said that the medical officer in charge of Victoria Gaol had considered that Booth was still unfit to attend Court.

His Lordship adjourned the case until the next Criminal Sessions. Privates John Roberts and Roy Horley pleaded guilty last Tuesday and were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Shanghai this morning for Victoria and Vancouver, via Japan ports and Honolulu.

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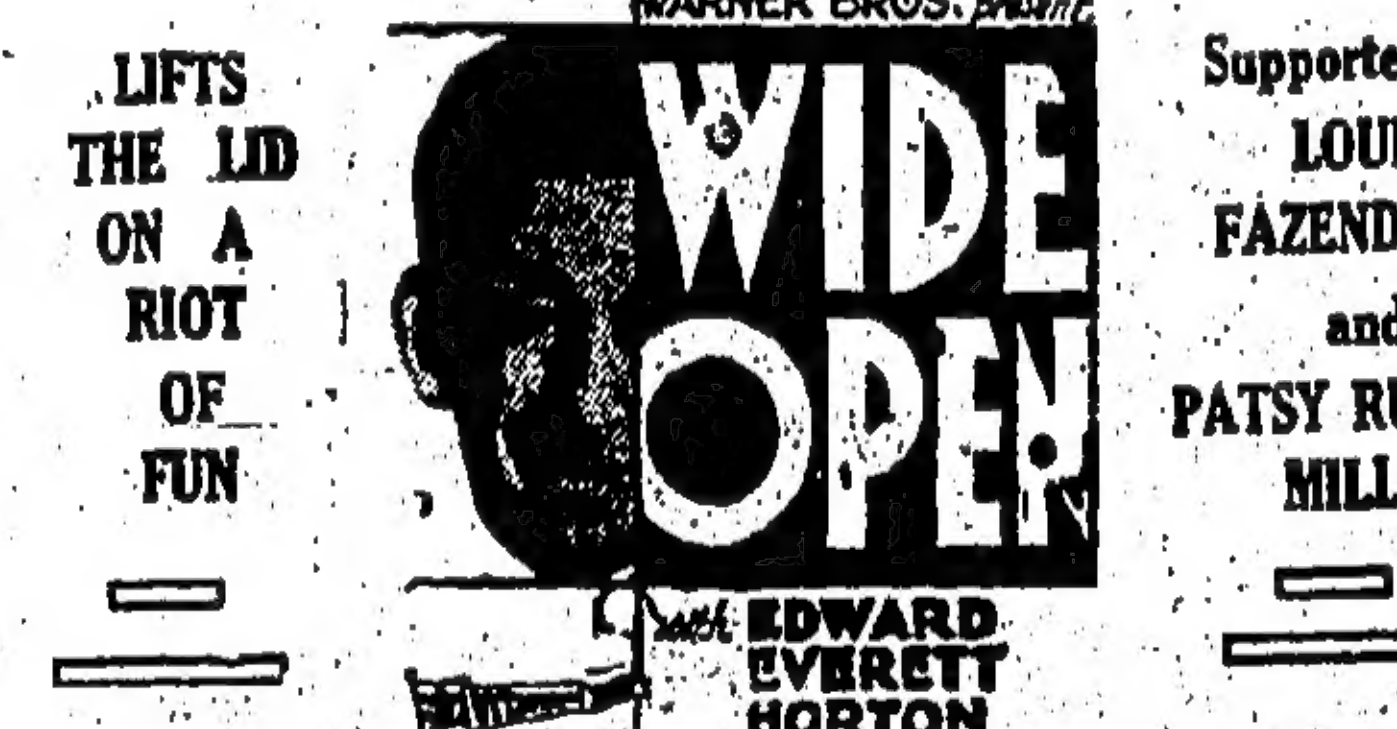
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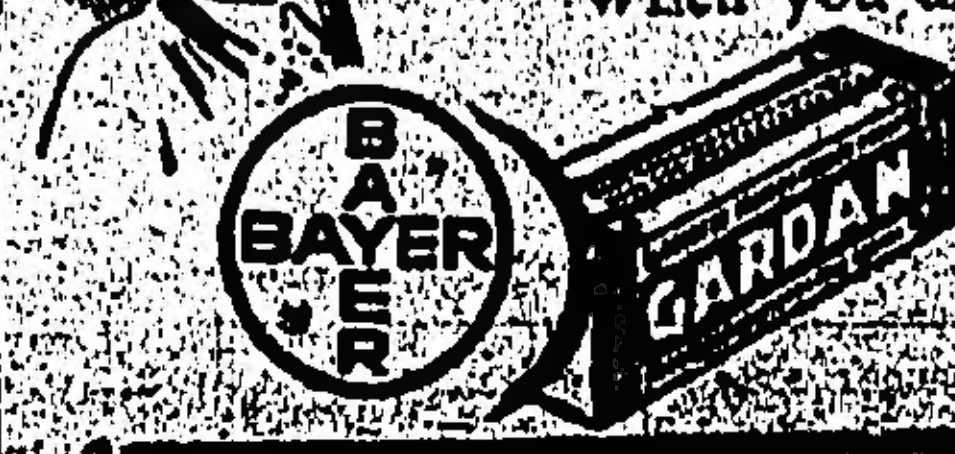
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